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MODERN DEFENCE OF HANKOW.

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NANKING'S BIG TASK.

Hankow, Apr. 4.

Residents of Hankow who have availed themselves of an opportunity of visiting the defence-lines laid out by the Wuhan leaders in preparation for the attack by Nanking express surprise and admiration of the modern methods adopted, and at the strength of the defences, which are probably the most elaborate ever seen in China.

There are miles upon miles of barbed-wire entanglements, and spiked bamboo palisades, behind which have been constructed lines of trenches and artillery mounds commanding the enemy's proposed line of attack.

It is not quite certain who was responsible for the lay-out of the defences, but it is obvious that the Nanking armies have a formidable task to overcome.

Lines Inspected.

General Hu Tsung-tu, one of the principal Wuhan leaders, personally inspected the front line to-day, and manned by large numbers of troops, everything is in readiness for the defence of Hankow.

It is stated that General Hu Tsung-tu will command the Hwangpei sector, General Tao Chun will have command of the Yanglo region, where similar defensive works have been erected. General Hsia Wei, whose wounding at Hwangchow has not been confirmed, will remain in control of Hankow.

Wuhan Still Confident.

As throughout the campaign, the Wuhan leaders appear to be completely confident and undoubtedly the armies of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek will encounter most strenuous opposition.

Fighting may break out at any moment now, but the advance troops of Nanking are not numerically strong enough to adopt the offensive. The attack on Hankow is, therefore, likely to be postponed for a few days until the Nanking armies bring up strong reinforcements and take up their positions for attack.—*Reuter.*

Marshal Chiang To Lead.

Reports from Chinese sources state that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is going up to the front and will probably direct the attack against Hankow in person. He is at present staying in Hwangchow, which fell into Nanking's hands two or three days ago.

According to a report from Nanking military headquarters, Kiukiang troops of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang are marching into Hupeh, and the vanguard has reached Kwangshiu, which is approximately 70 miles to the North of Hankow.

Feng's Forces.

In an official telegram to Nanking, Marshal Feng reports that he had sent his 24th, 27th and 29th Divisions to the Honan-Hupeh border ready to join in the attack should they be required.

The strength of the Wuhan defences suggests that a long siege is possible, and meanwhile Nanking is busy pushing its forces forward to join in the attack. Marshal Feng has sent to Kiukiang asking for instructions regarding the disposition of his forces, while General Liu Hsiang, the officer commanding the Nanking forces in Szechuan, has wired in similar vein, suggesting that he join the Nanking army at Machenghsien.

Ho Chien's Decision.

It is reported that General Ho Chien, the leading military power in Hunan, has decided to sever all relations with the Kwangsi Clique. When this news and the report of the movement of Feng Yu-hsiang's troops from Honan reached Hupeh an emergency

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KWANGSI LEADER'S PREDICAMENT.

WANG SHAO-HUNG'S ATTITUDE UNCERTAIN.

MAY FOLLOW CANTON.

Canton, Apr. 4.

Although regarded as unlikely in some quarters, it is rumoured here that General Wang Shao-hung, the Kwangsi military leader, intends falling into line with Canton in the present crisis by pledging obedience to Nanking.

It will be recalled that prior to Canton's decision to support Nanking, Kwangtung was to send an expeditionary force into Kiangsi, whilst Kwangsi intended to despatch a force to Hunan to fight Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. However, on the arrival in Canton of General Chan Chai-tong and his announcement of allegiance to Nanking, these plans could not be proceeded with.

Since then, General Fan Shek-sang, commander of the 16th Army Corps, who had pledged his loyalty to General Wang Shao-hung, has announced his intention of co-operating with the Canton military leaders. This development has considerably perplexed General Wang.

In an interview, a high Kwangsi military officer stated that General Wang would undoubtedly have despatched a force against Marshal Chiang if Marshal Li Chai-sum had been executed, but as Marshal Li's safety had now been assured, he thought it most likely that Kwangsi would fall into line with Canton.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

WELL-KNOWN BOXER DISQUALIFIED.

SANDWINA ORDERED TO FORFEIT PURSE.

London, Apr. 3.

The British Boxing Board of Control has suspended for four months the heavyweight boxer, Ted Sandwina, who was born in Germany and trained in America, and ordered him to forfeit the purse which he obtained from the contest against Charlie Smith at the Albert Hall on March 21st. On that occasion, Sandwina was disqualified for low hitting.

The purse will now be given to the Boxers' Benevolent Fund.

The suspension will be recognised by the New York State Commission.

Sandwina was disqualified on January 30th for fouling Phil Scott.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH BOXING RULE OF ELIGIBILITY.

NEW BOARD OF CONTROL'S STIPULATION.

London, Apr. 3.

According to a rule laid down by the newly-formed British Boxing Board of Control, all British subjects will be eligible for British championships, provided they are born of white parents and have been resident in the British Isles for two years.

Of this period of two years which is stipulated, one year must be continuous residence and the aggregate of two years must be completed within a period of three years.—*Reuter.*

TORY ELECTION PROGRAMME.

TO BE ANNOUNCED VERY SHORTLY.

London, Apr. 3.

Representatives of Conservative organisations in all the constituencies in England and Wales will, it is understood, attend a meeting to be held on April 19th when Mr. Baldwin will announce his programme for the General Election, polling in connexion with which is expected take place at the end of May.—*British Wireless.*

Invitations have been issued to members of the Portuguese community to attend a reception to be given at the Club Lusitano on Saturday, at 4.30 p.m., in honour of H.E. the Governor of Macao. There will be tea and dancing. It is understood that His Excellency is shortly leaving for Home.

M.C.L.'S FUTURE ACTIVITIES.

AT PRESENT IN THE MELTING POT.

SOMETHING QUITE DIFFERENT PROMISED.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Over $19,000 was raised last year by the Hongkong Women's Guild and the Ministering Children's League, which is the best result obtained since the exceptionally successful years of 1922 and 1923, according to a statement made by Mrs. W. T. Southorn, presiding at the annual meeting which was held at the Helena May Institute this morning.

Mrs. Southorn also gave an indication that future plans would be crystallised at a meeting shortly and added that they were at present in the melting pot, but she remarked that the next Fete would not be on the same lines as last year.

Mrs. Southorn's Speech.

Addressing the gathering Mrs. Southorn said:—This meeting is not the occasion for a speech, but there are just one or two remarks I should like to make. I think that all connected with the M.C.L., and Hongkong Women's League must feel that the report is eminently satisfactory.

During 1928, we realised over $19,000—the best result since the bumper years of 1922 and 1923 which have even then only exceeded the present result by about $1,500. But looking at this result, I am conscious of one great omission in the report, and that is praise due to Mrs. Creasy. It was Mrs. Creasy who wrote the report, so the reason is not far to seek. As acting Patroness, it is a very pleasant duty to express our unstinted thanks to Mrs. Creasy. She is an old friend of mine, but I shall not be accused of undue bias when I say that for enthusiasm, cheerfulness, and efficiency, Mrs. Creasy is hard to beat.—(Applause).

I am conscious of a slight feeling of apprehension in taking up the President's office again, but when the results of 1929 are totalled up, I—or they—may be weighed in the balance and found waiting, in comparison with 1928. But I rejoice in this healthy budget of 1928 with all my heart.

What the Public Thinks.

Among various sections in Hongkong we are looked upon either with amused tolerance or as a perennial pest, or with friendliness and enthusiasm. That the latter feeling predominates is obvious from the result—you cannot beat your last year's record and produce $19,000 without a real backing. We feel that we have these countless friends and workers of all communities, ready and willing to help all the good causes to which the $19,000 are allocated.

While on this subject, I should like to point out that every new organisation that made an application to us this year for assistance was given a sum out of our surplus, after dealing with the old organisations which we have supported for years past.

I thank all who have worked so loyally with us during the past year. Some have left us, alas, but we welcome those who have stepped into their places. A special word of thanks must be expressed to Mrs. Charnock who worked so capably as Hon. Secretary for last year, and we welcome Mrs. Lloyd as her successor. Personally, I wish to express to the Press my sense of deep indebtedness to them for unfailing and invaluable assistance.

Future Plans.

We have plans for the future and we hope to crystallise them at a meeting shortly. We propose to conduct our campaign on somewhat different lines this year to mark the tenth anniversary of the founding of the League and Guild.

Mrs. Southorn later said she understood that some of the members wanted to know the nature of their plans, but it was impossible to say at the moment what they were going to do as their plans were in the melting pot. She

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AUSTRIAN CABINET RESIGNS.

CHANCELLOR OFFENDED WITH OPPOSITION.

HIS POLICY DISLIKED.

Vienna, Apr. 3.

The Chancellor of the Austrian Government, and the members of the Cabinet to-day tendered their resignations, a decision to do so being reached at a meeting of the Cabinet this morning.

It is learned that the resignation of the whole Cabinet was the direct result of an announcement that Monsignor Seipel intended to do so.

He said that the situation in Austria had so much improved that it would now be possible to take a big step forward in the country's development, including house-building, and the reform of judicial and police methods.

As, however he went on, he personally is regarded as a hindrance to such a policy, he would resign. The other Ministers shared Seipel's views and followed his example.

Monsignor Seipel recently encountered strong opposition from the Social-Democrats, who feared he was aiming at a Dictatorship as a consequence of his proposal to the Party leaders that the term of the President's office should be extended.

He proposed this course with a view to securing an alteration of the Constitution, which would enable the people of Austria to choose their President directly.—*Reuter.*

POLITICAL PLOTS IN LITHUANIA?

POLICE RAID NEWSPAPER & LABOUR OFFICES.

Berlin, Apr. 3.

A sensation has been caused in Kovno as a consequence of a raid by the police on a newspaper office where a secret meeting of the Social-Democrat party leaders was being held, over one hundred being taken into custody.

Nearly all the men arrested are among the principal figures of the Social-Democrat party, though little detail is forthcoming to indicate the reason for the secret meeting or the arrests.

The police afterwards paid a visit to the headquarters of the Labour Federations where a further raid was carried out, several prominent officials of the Labour Party being taken into custody, and a large number of documents seized.

All the arrests were made after the arrival of an emissary from the exiled Lithuanians, who was in possession of some letters and newspapers.

Kovno is the capital of Lithuania.—*Reuter.*

REBEL CAMPAIGN IN MEXICO.

HEAVILY DEFEATED IN FIGHT FOR JIMINEZ.

Mexico City, Apr. 3.

An official communique from the commander of the Federal forces states that a bloody battle has been fought for the past two days at Jiminez between Government forces and the main body of the rebel army.

After heavy losses on both sides, it resulted in a most brilliant and most definite victory for the Federal forces, the most important success of the present campaign. Jiminez is on the railway from Torreon to the United States border.—*Reuter's American Service.*

LANCASHIRE COTTON COMBINE.

ACE MILL THE FIRST TO FALL IN LINE.

London, Apr. 3.

By the decision of its shareholders to-day, the Ace Mill, Limited, one of the finest equipped in Lancashire for coarse mule-spinning, becomes the first concern to join the Lancashire Cotton Corporation, Limited.—*Reuter.*

BANK FRAUD CASE DEVELOPMENT.

RANGOON MERCHANT ON TRIAL.

HONGKONG BANK CHARGE WHICH WAS DROPPED.

FORMER COUNCILLOR.

Rangoon papers to hand show that when K. Beng Chong, a former member of the Legislative Council, was brought up for alleged Bank frauds, the charge in so far as it related to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank had been dropped, owing to a technicality. The accused was, however, charged with cheating the Netherlands Bank by dishonestly inducing the Bank to pay him a sum of Rs. 50,000, and also with cheating Lloyds Bank, Ltd., in a sum of Rs. 100,000.

Mr. A. Eggar, Government Advocate, prosecuted, and Mr. de Glanville with Mr. Patker and Miss Coomee Dantra appeared for the prisoner. Mr. Clark held watching briefs on behalf of the Banks.

Mr. Eggar in opening the case for the prosecution said the charge was one of cheating. The case simply amounted to this. The accused acting for his firm of Beng Hwat and Company deposited delivery orders for rice with certain banks giving the officials to understand that the delivery order represented rice which was at the disposal of the banks. On that representation he was allowed to draw certain monies by cheques.

Delivery Orders.

Continuing his address, Mr. Eggar said that as regards the Netherlands Bank the accused had an account running for some years and there was an over-draft of Rs. 50 lakhs which the Bank had now lost following accused's insolvency. The Bank had obtained from the accused a letter of lien which was an ordinary bank document whereby the customer agreed that his stocks and goods should stand as security for his over-draft so that the bank might in an emergency seize those goods and sell them and thus secure the over-draft.

In the case of the Netherlands Bank the goods which were covered by the lien were put down by the accused from month to month in a statement which he sent to the bank. In this statement he said that there was certain rice in the godowns as security for the over-draft and further the accused deposited with the bank delivery orders for the rice. The Bank took steps to enquire as to the existence of the stocks especially in April, 1928, when the Inspector of Banks came from Batavia and accused made arrangements for the Inspector to be taken round the mills where rice was shown as being available. Subsequent to the inspection other precautions were also taken to see that the rice was available for delivery.

Counsel proceeded to deal with technical details concerning the orders.

Firm's Crash.

When the crash came and the accused's firm became insolvent it was found that there was no rice against the delivery orders and it was also found as regards one bunch of them that many of them had already been filled and the rice mentioned in the delivery orders had been shipped. In regard to another bunch, it was found that there was no contract for the delivery of rice.

The case was one of intentionally deceiving a person and thereby inducing him to deliver and the facts to be considered were whether accused did intentionally deceive the Banks and induced the managers to believe that the rice mentioned in such orders did exist. There was a lot of documentary evidence in the case. He would read the examination of the accused in the Lower Court. He then stated that he never said that the delivery orders represented ready rice.

Simple Issue.

The issue was very simple and was whether accused led the banks to believe the orders represented ready rice. The jury would have to consider what was the object

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THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER.

SHIAHS REPULSED BY THE AFRIDI TRIBE.

BRITAIN TO STEP IN?

Calcutta, Apr. 3.

Developments on the North-West Frontier are giving rise to increasing apprehension by the British authorities, and troops on the border are ready for action at any moment.

It is learned that the "war-factories" on the Frontier are working night and day in order to provide munitions for the rival tribesmen, the Shiahs and the Sunnis, who are engaged in guerilla warfare on an extensive scale.

The Afridis have rallied to the support of the Sunnis, who are defending territory captured from the Shiahs some years back. The Afridis, it is stated, have repulsed the onslaughts of the Shiahs, who have been forced to retire to the forts they have constructed along the "Guaranteed Area." The Shiahs are now preparing for the defence.

A large force of Afridis is, however, due to leave the outskirts of Peshawar for the frontier to-morrow, and if they succeed in pushing back the Shiahs, as they are setting out to do, British intervention will become necessary. It is an unfortunate position. The Afridis will be allowed to go so far, but if they go beyond the limit, the British forces will have to step in.—*Reuter.*

THE AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

SANDWICH CLUB SUGGEST POSTPONEMENT.

London, Apr. 3.

The Committee of the Royal St. George's Golf Club, Sandwich, where the Amateur Golf Championship is scheduled to be played in May, have asked the authorities at St. Andrew's to postpone the fixture in view of the General Election.

It is learned from New York that "Bobby" Jones, the holder of the British title, has arrived at New York from Atlanta in his capacity as a barrister. In the course of an interview, he said he would be unable to compete in the British Open or Amateur Championships.

George Von Elm is expected to leave for England with the members of the American Ryder Cup team on April 10th.—*Reuter.*

IN THE WORDSWORTH COUNTRY.

NATIONAL TRUST MAKES NEW PURCHASE.

London, Apr. 3.

The National Trust, through whose efforts many places of historic interest and natural beauty have been acquired for the nation, has now purchased a farm in the English Lakeland district adjoining the property recently presented to the nation in Hard Knott Valley, near the point where the boundaries of Lancashire, Cumberland and Westmorland meet.

As a result of this purchase a much wider area of the Wordsworth Country will be preserved in its present unspoiled condition.—*British Wireless.*

SOVIET OFFICIAL RUNS AMUCK.

SHOOTS POLICE OFFICER: ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Warsaw, Apr. 3.

Ivan Apanasewicz, a member of the Soviet Trade Delegation in Berlin, has been arrested at Baranowicze, a frontier station, of which he is a native, owing to his passport being of an inadequate character.

He shot a Polish police official dead, seriously wounded another, and then attempted suicide, slightly injuring his own head.

The police allege that Apanasewicz was doped, as a quantity of cocaine was found on him.—*Reuter.*

A SERIOUS MOTOR ACCIDENT.

EUROPEAN TEACHER BADLY HURT.

CHINESE COLLEAGUE ALSO SENT TO HOSPITAL.

AVOIDING A COOLIE.

One of the worst motor accidents for some time past occurred on the round-island road yesterday afternoon, when a party of school-teachers on their way from Pokfulam to Stanley, had a miraculous escape from death. Two of them are in hospital suffering from their injuries.

The occupants of the car, five in number were:

The Rev. E. K. Quick,
Mr. B. C. J. Asche,
Mr. F. A. Britton,
Mr. Tan Ying-lam, and
Mr. Tam Cheung-huen.

All belong to St. Stephen's College, and they set out from the school premises yesterday for the purpose of looking over the new College building which is now in the course of construction at Stanley.

Dashed Off The Road.

They had reached Aberdeen when the car dashed off the road in an effort by the driver to avoid knocking down a coolie, and the vehicle dropped over a ditch and turned a complete somersault, pinning the occupants underneath.

Mr. B. C. J. Asche, a schoolmaster, comparatively new to the Colony, was extricated from the wreckage very badly hurt, while Mr. Tam Ying-lam, a Chinese teacher, and a graduate of the Hongkong University, was also seriously injured.

The three others, the Rev. Mr. Quick, Mr. F. A. Britton and Mr. Tam Chung-huen suffered less severely, though they were cut and bruised.

Driver's Swerve.

Mr. Asche was driving the car, a private vehicle, No. 1184. They were proceeding, it is understood, at an average speed and had reached a point close to the To Tai Tin Road at Aberdeen when the accident occurred.

In endeavouring to avoid a Chinese pedestrian who, coming from the shore, had unexpectedly appeared on the roadway in front of their car, Mr. Asche was forced to swerve his car over the bridge on to the left side of the road. It dropped over the edge of the road, falling more than ten feet. The car turned turtle as it fell, and pinned down all its occupants.

Rev. Mr. Quick, Mr. Britton, and Mr. Tan Ying-lam, although severely bruised and shaken, were able to extricate themselves.

Multiple Injuries.

They then found that Mr. Asche and the other Chinese member of the party were still under the vehicle. The latter were taken out with difficulty, it being found that they were in a bad way as a result of multiple injuries.

Assistance was obtained from the Police Station at Aberdeen, and Mr. Asche and Mr. Tam Cheung-huen were removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Police traffic officers went out to the scene this morning and found that the car had been considerably damaged as the result of the mishap.

PRINCE GEORGE'S NEW POSITION.

BEGINS DUTIES AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

London, Apr. 3.

H.R.H. Prince George to-day began his new duties at the Foreign Office.

It was recently announced that his Majesty, with the concurrence of the Prime Minister, had decided that His Royal Highness should be attached to the Foreign Office in order to gain a knowledge of the administration and work of a Department of State.—*British Wireless.*

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THE HOTEL FIRE DISASTER.

AMERICAN RESIDENT'S KEEN CRITICISMS.

VERDICT NEXT WEEK.

In the closing stage, yesterday, of the Coroner's enquiry held by Mr. E. W. Hamilton into the circumstances of the King Edward Hotel fire, Mr. Wentz, an American resident, startled the Court with a seeming accusation that an attempt had been made to stifle his evidence, with a view to whitewashing the Police and Fire Brigade. The Acting C.S.P. (Hon. Mr. T. H King) informed the Court that Mr. Wentz had criticized the conduct of the proceedings in very strong terms, which had necessitated the recalling of the Court, after it had adjourned, in order that due attention be given to Mr. Wentz's opinions.

Mr. V. C. Branson, Assistant Analyst at the Government Laboratory, spoke to having received from Inspector Lane a mixture of cotton, such as would be used for a Chinese quilt, in which there was a large quantity of naphthaline balls—more than would be normally necessary to keep away moths from such material. He was also handed some burnt remains of what looked like a wicker basket or chair.

By the Coroner: He did not think that cotton by itself, or with naphthaline balls contained in it, could spontaneously break into fire. He had experimented and found that a cigarette end merely, would not set fire to the stuff.

Some authorities held that it was possible for cotton to smoulder, unnoticed, for days and weeks, and then to burst into flames upon the action of a sudden draught. He did not think that there was great chance of spontaneous combustion with the presence of the naphthaline balls amongst the cotton mixture. He would say the fire started on the outside, and burnt inwards and towards the top. Provided they had sufficient air, the naphthaline balls would also be highly inflammable.

By the jury: He would be able to detect the presence of kerosene or gasoline if it had been there.

Replying to the Coroner, the Hon. Mr. King said that brought the evidence of the enquiry to a close, unless his Worship wished to hear Mr. Wentz, another resident of the Hotel, whose testimony could not be previously taken on account of his absence from the Colony on a business visit to Shanghai.

The Coroner did not call for Mr. Wentz, being assured that there was nothing in Mr. Wentz's statement, which Mr. King had with him, that could give any further detail useful to the Coroner or the jury.

The jury also did not express a desire to have Mr. Wentz's evidence.

The Coroner: I shall now adjourn for about ten minutes, then I shall address the jury very briefly, and then we will adjourn until such day as the jury may require. They want some time to make a detailed consideration of their finding.

Mr. Wentz's Outburst.

When the Court had adjourned for the proposed interval of ten minutes, and the Coroner had gone back into his chambers, a startling incident occurred which led to the rather hurried recalling of the Court.

The position was explained by Mr. King, who said that during the interval, after his Worship had risen, Mr. Wentz, who was in Court, remarked to him that "it was an outrage—this deliberate attempt to stifle evidence and to whitewash the Police and Fire Brigade."

Mr. Wentz, who stated that he was an American business man, later went into the box, and after being duly sworn said: I made a detailed report of that fire. I want to bring forward today.—

His Worship, interrupting, said Mr. Wentz was to confine himself to answering the questions put to him.

Called upon to give his experience during the night of the fire, witness said he was aroused, shortly after three o'clock, by a noise from the hall. He was then sleeping in room No. 309, which was on the third floor. On realising that a fire had broken out in the building, he thought of making for the fire escape, the existence of which, at the far end of the building, he knew, but found his way barred by flames which had broken out in the corridor.

"I went out of my room to the verandah, in Ice House Street. I expected the Fire Brigade to come, and saw quite a large number of people collected in the street. Taking some clothes out of my room I again went out on the verandah to get dressed."

Witness said after waiting two or three minutes, he climbed over the balustrade of the verandah and climbed over into the Savoy Hotel after negotiating three pillars. He made his way into the street and helped to hold a jumping sheet. A body fell down from an upper storey and missed the sheet by five or six feet.

Said witness: "I feel it as criminal negligence that a hotel of any size, to say nothing of the size of the King Edward, should have only one fire escape, and that fire escape placed in the remotest part of the building. My room was less than 20 feet from the part leading to the fire escape, so how could people like the Robsons, who lived in a room further away, have a chance of escape, except by using the one wooden staircase, which was out of the question. I feel that the equipment of the Fire Brigade is terrible.

The Coroner: How so?

Witness: In the first instance, they should have searchlights for those people who, jumping down from upstairs, could thus see the ground. Also substantial ladders that could reach higher than the third storey in the case of a six or seven storeyed building.

The Ladders In America.

The Coroner: You are familiar with the Fire Brigade?

Mr. Wentz: Yes, in America.

Mr. Wentz mentioned that the ladders they had "over there" could reach to a height of 90 feet; there water towers, which were so constructed that their width gradually tapered towards the top, extended to the 8th or 9th storeys, and were provided with life-saving arrangements. He had himself gone up to the top of these ladders at the Fire Headquarters at New York.

The Coroner: Have you any experience with machinery? Mr. Wentz laughed, stating that he was an imports and exports man.

He thought that it would not take much time to get one of these towers alongside a burning building—he had seen the firemen took less than two minutes to bring their own equipment alongside the King Edward.

The Coroner said that much of Mr. Wentz's subsequent remarks could not be included as evidence, but the jury would doubtless take full note of what he had said.

Mr. Wentz further referred to the locked grille at the bottom of the fire escape, which was the evidence of his own eyes.

Finally, Mr. Wentz explained that he had nothing to say against the personnel of the Fire Brigade. It was with their equipment that he found fault, for he had always maintained that however good a mechanic might be, he could not do much without proper tools.

Mr. King, replying to the Coroner, said he did not wish to put any question with regard to the statements just made by witness. He gathered, however, that Mr. Wentz complained of the delay in the arrival of the Fire Brigade.

Must Have Proper Tools.

Mr. Wentz: No, I did not. I was very much impressed with the working of the Fire Brigade. I only say, and repeat myself, that a man, however good a mechanician he is, cannot do much without the proper tools.

Mr. King: I am glad I am wrong. I understood that you complained that you were in the street before the Fire Brigade arrived.

Mr. Wentz: I was in Ice House Street when the Brigade was in Des Voeux Road. I want to say, that Chief Brooks, as I understand him to be that, helped me to recover my papers from my room before the flames drove me out entirely.

The Coroner: The jury desire me to say that they are glad that you have come forward to give your evidence. I don't think you really believe for a moment that they wished to suppress any evidence. If so, I can assure you that it was entirely incorrect. I am very much obliged to you for coming into Court.

The incident then closed.

Address to Jury.

After a short adjournment, the Coroner addressed the reassembled jury as follows:

"I don't propose to delay you with any detailed reference to the evidence tendered at this enquiry, as you have had in your possession from the beginning copies of the evidence handed to you daily, after each hearing.

"Your first duty is to find the cause of death in the case of the deceased, Mr. Woods. On this point the medical evidence will guide you. You will further bring in a verdict of "death by misadventure" unless you are prepared to find that death was attributable to negligence on someone's part, and that the negligence was so gross as to be criminal. If you so find, your verdict will be one of "manslaughter."

"Beyond this, the scope of the enquiry grants you a wide field, and your findings shall be recorded in the form of riders. You are to find, if possible, the place of origin of the fire, the cause of the fire, and state if you are satisfied as to its accidental nature or not. The latter finding will of course involve a verdict of murder.

"Two Government Departments are concerned. If you think that either of these, or both of these, deserve blame, your duty is to say so. If you are not satisfied with the equipment of the Fire Brigade you are to say so.

"Finally, if you consider that the state of the law which deals with the legal relations of property owners and the Fire Brigade and P.W.D., and with the powers of these two departments, is unsatisfactory, you must say so, and it is open to you to suggest on what lines amendments should be made."

The Coroner suggested that the jury would require time for a detailed consideration of their verdict, and he accordingly adjourned the enquiry until next Wednesday at 2.15 p.m.

A REAL CABARET.

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For the first time in Hongkong history a real Cabaret is to be given, at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden in the course of the dinner dance on Monday next, April 8. This will be precisely the same as given at all the big London cabaret clubs.

The entertainment will be provided by the Banvard Musical Comedy Company. The programme will be similar to that recently given at the Majestic Hotel, Shanghai, with phenomenal success. The Shanghai press described the occasion as the outstanding event of the Shanghai season. The magnificent ball room of the Majestic was full to capacity and very many were unable to secure tables.

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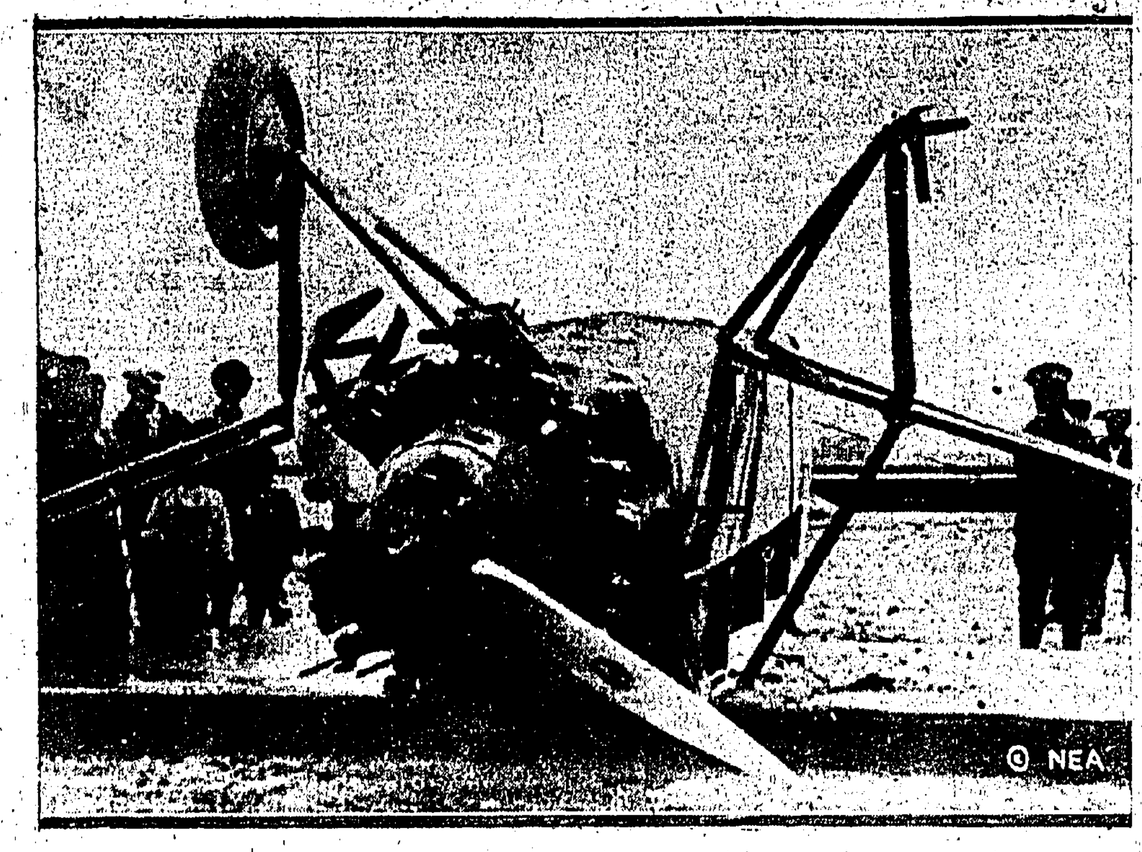

The wreck of the machine in which Col. Charles Lindbergh, and his fiancee, Miss Anne Morrow, crashed. The plane turned somersault but neither was badly hurt.

As "Miss America" for two years, Faye Lanphier, California beauty was showered with honours. But as Mrs. Sidney M. Spiegel jr. she was showered with electric light bulbs and struck with wet towels and a cane, she declares in a divorce action filed at Reno.

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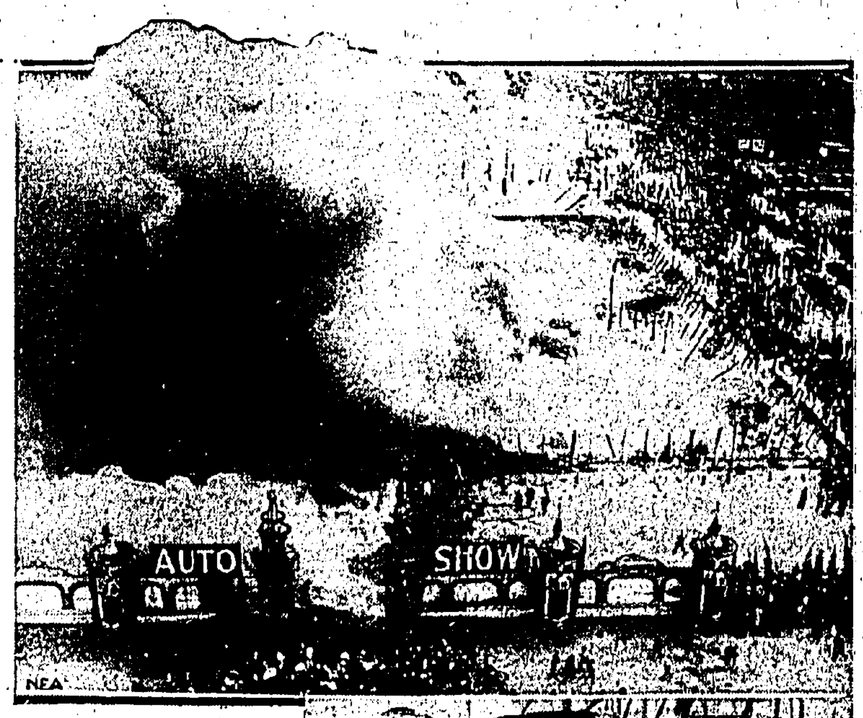

The above pictures illustrate one of the most remarkable and destructive fires in recent years, the devastation of the Los Angeles Automobile Show. The fire is seen at its height.

The Shanghai Hounds are shown above just after a kill. The hunt was excellent, extending over the country between Lincoln Avenue and Hungjao Road.

The world's leading financial experts are now assembled in Paris in an effort to solve the reparations puzzle. At the top the first meeting is depicted with Mr. Owen Young (arrow) presiding, while at his right is Mr. J.P. Morgan. Below are arrivals at the meeting: Mr. Thomas Lamont, MM. Parmentier and Moreau and Mr. Morgan.

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CLUB LUSITANO.

CIRCULAR.

A Comissao Directora do Club Lusitano tem a honra de convidar os Exmos. Srs. Socios e suas Exmas. Familias e os demais membros da Comunidade Portuguesa se reunirem na sala "Luiz de Camoes" do Club Lusitano no Sabado, 6 do corrente, as 4½ horas da tarde, a fim de assistirem a Recepcao em honra de sua Excia. O Governador de Macau Senhor Arthur Tamagnini de Sousa Barbosa e sua Exma. Familia.

Havera em seguida Cha e danca.

A fim de que esta festa seja revestida de maior brilho possivel a Direccao pede a comparencia de todos os Srs. Socios e suas Exmas. Familias e os demais Membros da Comunidade Portuguesa.

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1. That the authorised capital of the Company (which is now $3,600,000 divided into 720,000 shares of the nominal value of $5 each, the whole of which have been issued) be increased to $5,000,000 by the creation of 280,000 additional shares of the nominal value of $5 each ranking as from date of allotment for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the shares constituting the Company's present issued capital.
2. That 80,000 of the said 280,000 additional shares be offered forthwith in the first instance (in the proportion of one new share for every complete number of nine existing shares held by them respectively) to the members of the Company who on the 6th day of May, 1929, are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the said 720,000 shares at par and so that on acceptance of the offer the full nominal amount of $5 due in respect of each such share taken up shall be paid not later than the 4th day of July, 1929.

   And that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer if not accepted by the member on behalf of himself or his nominee will be deemed to be declined, and that the Directors of the Company be at liberty to fix such time and to extend it to such date or dates and upon such terms as they may think fit. And further that any of the said 80,000 shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's shareholders in manner aforesaid be disposed of in such manner at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Directors shall in their absolute discretion think fit.
3. That no shareholder shall be entitled to any offer of a fraction of an additional share in respect of any odd share or shares held by such shareholder.
4. That the remaining 200,000 of the said 280,000 additional shares be issued in such manner at such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as the Company's Directors in their absolute discretion shall think fit.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from MONDAY, the 15th day of April, 1929, to SATURDAY, the 4th day of May, 1929 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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comprising:—

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Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia, London 16th March	Hakusan Maru	April 5.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Monroe	April 6
Shanghai and Swatow	Shantung	April 6.
Manila	Empress of France	April 7.
Europe via Negapatam (papers only) London 7th March	Takliwa	April 8.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Cleveland	April 8.
Manila	Pres. Lincoln	April 8.
Australia and Manila	Changte	April 9.
Shanghai	Porthos	April 9.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Madison	April 12.
Shanghai	Naldera	April 12.
Shanghai	Antenor	April 16.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Russia	April 18

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Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kwong Hung	Thurs., Apr. 4, 4 p.m.
Swatow	Kanchow	Thur., Apr. 4 5 p.m.
Saigon	Shunchih	Thurs., April 4, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Hector	Fri., Apr. 5, Registration 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.
Sandakan	Mausang	Fri., Apr. 5, 8.30 a.m.
Manila	Texas	Fri., Apr. 5 12.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Tonkin	Fri., Apr. 5, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Fri., Apr. 5, 2 p.m.
Shanghai	Diomed	Fri., Apr. 5, 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Mombasa, Lourenco Marques & South Africa	Kanagawa Maru	Fri., Apr. 5, 2.30 p.m.
Parcels for Germany via Hamburg	Leverkusen	Fri., Apr. 5, 3.30 p.m.
Formosa	Franconia	Fri., Apr. 5, 4 p.m.
Tourane	Chung Kong	Fri., Apr. 5, 5 p.m.
Manila, Australia Except Thursday Island and Cairns and New Zealand via Brisbane	Burma Maru	Sat., Apr. 6, Registration 8.15 a.m. Letters 9 a.m. (Due Brisbane, 23rd April).
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, L. Marques, East and South Africa Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hakusan Maru	Sat., April 6, K. P. O. Registration Apr. 5, 4.30 p.m. Letters Apr. 6, 9 a.m. G. P. O. Registration Apr. 6, 8.45 a.m Letters Apr. 6, 9.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 5th May).
Manila	Pres. Monroe	Sat., Apr. 6, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., Apr. 7, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kiangsu	Sun., Apr. 7, 9 a.m.
Swatow	Antung	Mon., Apr. 8 3.30 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, *U.S.A., *Canada, *Central and *South America and *Europe via San Francisco	Pres. Lincoln	Mon., April 8. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. (Due San Francisco 1st May.)
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Lincoln	Mon., April 8. Registration 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.
Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon India, Mauritius, L. Marques, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Porthos	Tues., April 9. K.P.O. Registration 10 a.m. Letters, 1 p.m. G.P.O. Registration 12.45 p.m Letters, 1.30 p.m (Due Marseilles, 10th May.)
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Tues., Apr. 9, noon.
Manila	Pres. Cleveland	Tues., Apr. 9, 4.30 p.m
Swatow	Yatshing	Tues., Apr. 9, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Shantung	Tue., Apr. 9 8.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America, and *Europe via Vancouver B. C., and Europe via Siberia	Emp. of France	Wed., April 10 Parcels Apr. 9, 5 p.m Registration Apr. 10 9.15 a.m Letters 10 a.m (Due Vancouver B. C., 27th April.)

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WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Youth favours the delightful printed fabrics of the season, as witness these two very smart little ensembles for school girls. The first combines a navy-and-red check wool-crepe jumper with a plain navy crepe skirt, scarf-collar, belt and cuffs. The second sketch shows a sleeveless coatee of wool delaine in rich tawny colourings over a "little frock," the upper part of which is made of delaine in the lightest of the tawny shades, and the skirt of the same material as the coatee.

Summer Millinery.

FLOWER WREATHED HATS.

There are some delightful flower wreathed *capelines* to be seen in the milliners' windows this season. Of course, they are not for immediate wear, but, later on, the younger generation will adopt this charming mode.

However, there is now a tendency to cast aside flowers in favour of leaves. In fact, there seems to be a passion for leaves, lacquered leaves, without the sign of a blossom anywhere.

Some of the newest buttonholes are also made entirely of lacquered leaves, and it is whispered that the bathing dresses next summer will be composed entirely of little celluloid leaves, which certainly seems a pretty fancy.

Sunshades.

It seems rather early to begin to talk of sunshades, but they have, as a matter of fact, already come out in all their glory, in the shop windows! These are the parasols we have dreamed about, read about and seen in pictures, but rarely in real life.

They are to be seen in every colour and every description. One shape, however, stands out, supreme. This is the flat Japanese parasol.

Some of these are so transparent, that at the best they can but act as a veil between the sun's rays and their owner's complexions. But they are charmingly decorative and charmingly decorated. When you use a parasol, there is one point to remember. It must match or tone in with some colour in your frock.

This year's two-piece suit is a very attractive item of the wardrobe. Here is a simple frock, with long coat to match, in soft grey woven fabric. The dress is trimmed with self bands, and the coat is finished with a scarf-collar.

Making Fun of Jealousy.

[By a Modern Young Man.]

A young husband and wife had a baby girl.

"And what," I asked, "are you calling her?"

"Ann Sylvia," they replied in self-satisfied unison.

There was a pause. I looked inquiringly from one to the other. Then we all laughed long and heartily.

We were laughing at jealousy, the silliest symptom of sex. For while Sylvia is the name of the young wife, Ann is that of the girl to whom her husband was engaged when she first met him. He makes no bones about the fact that he is still quite considerably fond of his erstwhile fiancee, and Sylvia, who has a sense of humour, makes a joke of the whole affair by keeping the name of her rival in the family.

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Reconstruct the scene in Victorian terms, imagining the ashamed subterfuges on the husband's part, the tears and recriminations on the wife's—in short, the total lack of humour in regarding the whole situation. Then it may be admitted that, with all our wild parties, our cocktails, and our alleged amorality (most of the latter being a healthy refusal to allow primitive emotions such as jealousy to run away with us), we have made certain advances from barbarism during the last 50 years or so.

Not that sex jealousy is a dead dragon altogether, for we have not yet attained anything like a Utopia of the emotions. But in the modern scutcheon he is a little less rampant than before. In our more enlightened moments his grandiose posturings strike us as being more than a little ridiculous and he quails visibly under our laughter. Laughter is a weapon that this very pompous and consequential dragon simply cannot withstand.

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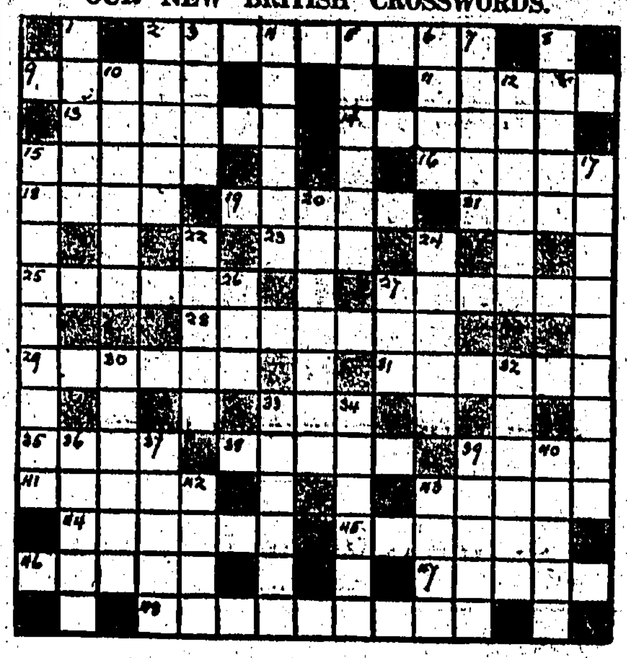
Even if we lay aside the question, Has anyone the right to be jealous?—for we moderns question, while the last generation accepted, the theory that one human being has inalienable rights over another's emotional life—we are apt to indulge less in jealous passions for the plain reason that we see they lend nowhere. They do not, as the saying went, further our suit.

Time was when we, women in particular, were subtly flattered by jealous mutterings on the part of husband, wife, or lover. A jealous husband was once a woman's proudest asset.

Now he is a drug on the market; she finds him a nuisance; he makes a fool of her and himself in the eyes of a world grown cynical. So he does himself no good by his jealous rages beyond the satisfaction that comes from any other form of self-indulgence, and instead of flattering his wife causes her to "serve him right" by transferring her—hitherto innocent—affections to the object of his suspicions.

OUR NEW BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

2 Predominant.
9 Label.
11 Game at cards.
13 Cerebrums.
14 Durable.
15 Level.
16 Period in life.
18 Split.
19 Founded.
21 Break.
23 Boy.
25 Saw.
27 Slice of bacon.
28 Puzzled.
29 Beast of burden.
31 Intensify.
33 Seaman's diary.
35 Votes to the contrary.
38 Part of a door.
39 Commotion.
41 Movements of sea.
43 Takes dinner.
44 Jew.
45 Spiritualistic meeting.
46 Gave over.
47 Periods of time.
48 Holds back.

Down

1 Holy book.
2 Scottish wrap.
3 Restraint.
4 Feudal tenant.
5 Enlisted.
6 Trim.
7 Pipes.
8 Combating ground.
10 An ecstasy.
12 Rivet.
15 Economical.
17 Leanness.
20 Kind of crocus.
22 Insurgent.
24 Youngest son.
26 Unit of time.
27 Colour.
30 Required.
32 Dart on.
33 Grieve.
34 Japanese dancing girl.
36 Lubricated.
37 Separate.
39 Penalties.
40 Looks for.
42 Margin.
43 Daybreak.

Yesterday's Solution.

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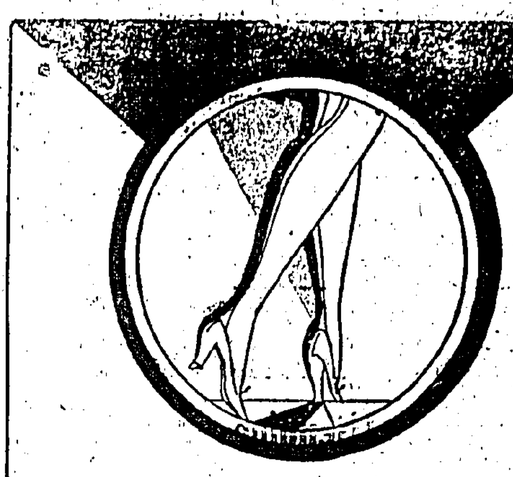

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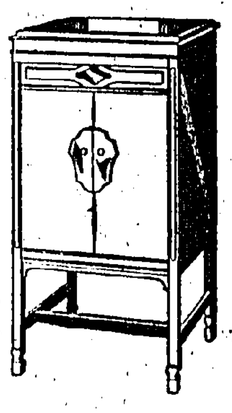

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CLARKE.—At the Victoria Hospital on the 3rd April, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Clarke, a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY APRIL 4, 1929.

AN APPEAL.

It was a real pleasure to us yesterday to acknowledge the splendid gift subscribed by members of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association on behalf of the Fund for the relief of distress amongst British miners and their families. The donors may be "ex-active" in the military sense, but they have shown a very commendable spirit of activity in helping those who so badly need assistance. There can be no doubting the fact that the distress in the British mining areas will continue for some time yet, in spite of all that has been done. But for the fact that the near approach of the General Election makes it impossible to guarantee further Government aid on the £ for £ basis, no doubt the Lord Mayor's Fund would have continued much longer than is now intended. In the circumstances, it has been deemed advisable to shut down as from the end of the present month. The *Telegraph* Fund will therefore definitely close on April 29th, which will enable the last draft to be cabled to London in time to be included in the parent Fund and so be doubled by the Government contribution.

So far, we have been able to forward Home more than £600, and London newspapers to hand contain acknowledgmets of the earlier sums remitted. The response has been such as to give us a sense of satisfaction in having appealed to Hongkong to support the cause, but, gratifying as it has been, we should like a special effort to be made during the next three weeks in order to swell the total to as large a sum as possible. Some little time ago, Sir Henry and Lady Pollock sent in a cheque for nearly $800 in order to bring the Hongkong contributions to a round $6,000, and Sir Henry then expressed the hope that the final sum might reach $10,000. This hope we should much like to see realised, for the attainment of such a sum would mean that Hongkong has been responsible for £2,000 being added to the Fund. If the $10,000 mark is to be reached, rather more than $3,000 will still be needed, but we feel that a concentrated effort, individual and collective, would make this possible. May we therefore make a fresh appeal for further additions to the Fund? Donations of any amount will be most welcome, and apart from personal gifts we should like to see more done in the way of office collections by firms which have not yet made an effort along these lines.

The great point about the Lord Mayor's Fund is that, by a system of divisional committees working in the various areas, the very best use is being made of the sums allotted. At the same time, the claims are so many that it is not possible to render aid on a very elaborate scale. For example, we read that in Wales assistance is not given to any family, however large, which would have the effect of bringing the total beyond £2 per week, and where a family consists of fewer than five persons, any aid granted is such as not to exceed 30s. per week. We mention this matter merely to show that there is no question of squandering the money which has been subscribed. Here in Hongkong, where most of us have come to regard a relatively high standard of comfort as nothing exceptional, it is by no means easy to visualise the plight of these unfortunate miners and their families. But a little thought will, we hope, cause a further loosening of the purse-strings, so that those who really need assistance may be aided. Who will help to bring Hongkong's total at least somewhere near the $10,000 mark?

Football Refereeing.

The complaint of the inefficiency of the referee officiating at an important local soccer match yesterday is typical of an uncommonly large number which have been voiced recently, only a few of which have been brought to the official notice of the Hongkong Football Association. Criticism is not a pleasant task since we realise fully that the referee has the most difficult task on the football field. At the same time, the normal restraint felt in discussion of errors and omissions can be very much over-exercised, particularly when trouble is repeatedly cropping up and leading to the spoiling of games. Quite recently, we were informed by an impartial, unbiassed observer of a junior game that an unpleasant affair, resulting in "marching orders" for two players, was almost entirely brought about by extraordinary decisions by the official in charge, causing a fraying of tempers all round. The results of more than one Senior game in the past month have been considerably affected by extremely doubtful application of the laws of the game, and teams which suffer at once feel they have a grievance because they realise, and accept, that the referee's decision is final. Obviously, there would be an end to football if this ruling were not carried out to the strict letter. Yet there are decided anomalies. The classic example in Hongkong, occurring not a great while ago, concerned an official who played eight minutes extra time unwittingly, during which unauthorised period a team converted a defeat into a victory by scoring two goals. It so happened that several members of the Association were present at the time, and two of them had been checking up the referee's time-keeping, being fully aware of the error made. A protest was lodged by the losers, the referee declared he played proper time, and the result of the game was ordered to stand, although the Committee were fully aware of the real facts. Of course, the official in question, who is not in the Colony any longer, was never given another game. The point is that if clubs are to have confidence in the men appointed, the give-and-take of the game should be on a fifty-fifty basis. There can be no criticising a referee who is prepared to admit an error.

The wedding of Lieut. K. W. Maurice-Jones, D.S.O., R.A., and Miss Margaret Ada Kent is to take place at St. John's Cathedral at 3.30 p.m. on the 30th instant.

DAY BY DAY.

SOME FOLKS LIVE TOGETHER FIFTY YEARS, THINKING THEY KNOW EACH OTHER WELL; YET DESCEND TO THEIR GRAVES—STILL STRANGERS.—*Richard Marsh.*

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Commr. (E.) L. H. Heath and Pay. Commr. J. R. Sale have been appointed to H.M.S. Bee.

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Yesterday's return of notifiable diseases shows three cases of small-pox, and one each of diphtheria and typhoid. All were Chinese.

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H.M.S. ships Dartmouth, Cleopatra and Carysfort left Singapore for Hongkong on Wednesday. They are due to arrive here early on April 8.

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Under the auspices of the Hongkong University Arts Association, Father Dr. J. Finn, S. J., is to lecture on "Raphael: The Vatican Pictures" to-morrow at 3.30 p.m.

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Sub-Lieut. J. H. T. Stilgoe has been appointed to H.M.S. Cornwall, Sub-Lieuts. R. C. Harrison and J. Mornement to H.M.S. Bridgwater, and Sub.-Lieut. R. C. Medley to H.M.S. Sandwich.

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The Diocesan Boys' School is holding its speech day on the 13th instant, when Mr. W. W. Hornell will speak. The function will be preceded by sports and tea, and the band of the Somerset Light Infantry will be present.

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An order for the confiscation of an automatic pistol which was found unclaimed by Detective Inspector Fallon in a latrine in Jordan Road, was made by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

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The following vessels are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—Ruhr, Genzan Maru, Diomed, Tenyo Maru, Gletzarry, City of Khios, Agrika, Sumatra Maru, Hakusan Maru, Kiangsu, Kaigan, Kwongtung, Kanagawa Maru, Burma Maru, Tjisondari, Kidderpore and Sourabaya Maru.

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An unemployed Chinese was this morning fined $15, or three weeks' hard labour, by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith for breaking the door of No. 6, Lyeemun Villas, Kowloon, and causing damage to the extent of $5 yesterday morning. It was stated that as the incident occurred during the day, no other charge could be brought against the defendant.

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The masters of the steamers of the Ben Line recently presented to Mr. J. H. Buchanan, M.I.N.A., a handsome piece of silver plate, suitably engraved, with illustrations of the types of vessels developed during his long term of Supervision. The presentation was made by Capt. J. H. Cole, N.C., who succeeded the late Capt. Clarke, not long ago, as Marine Superintendent.

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St. John's Cathedral Church Body has been considering the name of the Rev. L. N. Watkins as a possible candidate for the post of Second Assistant Chaplain of the Cathedral and Priest-in-Charge of St. Peter's Church. Mr. Watkins is on the staff of the Leeds Parish Church at present, and an offer of the post has been made to him. The fact that Rev. N. V. Halward, who has done so much good work at S. Peter's, is due for home leave next January makes the appointment of a Priest-in-charge a matter of some urgency.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"Church Illegalities."

[To The Editor of *Hongkong Telegraph.*]

Sir,—Your leading article on this subject is illuminating, but the sad part of it all is that no one cares. Parliament does not care and the people do not care! Why? because they can see that the Church is disintegrating and that the penalty of lawlessness will come naturally without the application of force.

It will be sad indeed if the Bishops by authorising the use of the Rejected Prayer Book incur the condemnation of the English Courts of Justice.

All organizations within the State, be they religious or secular are bound to have regard to the fundamental principles of British justice, which are founded upon Christian principles and no matter how great may be the convictions of sections of the public that they can ignore the Law of the Land that has given them privileges that they value highly, these convictions must give way before the sense of fair-play laid down in British Law. Unless the Bishops of the Church of England convince the people that they are acting in a legal manner they will lose, entirely the respect of their own constituency as well as that of the general public.—Yours, etc.

SENEX.

Canton, Apr. 3rd, 1929.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Apr. 3.

Paris	124.15
Brussels	34.95
Amsterdam	12.11¼
Berlin	20.47
Copenhagen	18.215
Prague	163¾
Helsingfors	192¼
Lisbon	108¼
Bucharest	116
Buenos Aires	47.5/16
Shanghai	2/0¼
Yokohama	1/10.1/32
New York	4.85¼
Geneva	25.225
Milan	92.75
Stockholm	18.175
Oslo	18.195
Vienna	34.505
Madrid	32.15
Athens	375
Rio	5.27-32
Bombay	1/5.31/32
Hongkong	1-11¾
Silver (spot and forward)	25¼

—*British Wireless.*

RADIO BROADCAST.

THE LOCAL PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 360 metres.

1.48 p.m. Weather Report.

5.30-6.30 p.m. Programme of Chinese Music. (Beka Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. The Canton Trading Association Ltd.).

7.48 p.m. Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m. Programme of Chinese Music, relayed from the Roof Garden of Messrs. The Sincere Co., Ltd.

10.30 p.m. Close Down.

During last week there were reported to the Medical Officer of Health three cases of diphtheria, one British, one Indian and one Chinese. Two were fatal. There were two Chinese cases of cerebro-spinal fever, one fatal, and two Chinese cases of enteric, one fatal. There were also a Chinese case of scarlet fever and two cases of influenza. Small-pox figures are given elsewhere.

51 COMMON ERRORS IN BRIDGE AND HOW TO CORRECT THEM

by W. W. Wentworth.

50. FAILING TO WIN FIRST TRICK TO FORCE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUIT

North (Dummy)—
♠ 6 5
♡ 6 4 3
◇ A 3 2
♣ Q J 10 6 3

West—Leads ◇ 5 | East—

South (Declarer)—
♠ Q 10 8 2
♡ A K Q
◇ K 8 7 4
♣ A 9

The Bidding: South bids no-trump and all pass.

Deciding the Play: West leads 5 of diamonds. How should Declarer proceed to make game?

The Error: Declarer takes first trick with Ace of diamonds and then finesses Queen of clubs which is won by West with King of clubs, thus blocking the club suit and sacrificing game.

The Correct Method: Declarer should win the first trick with King of diamonds, then play Ace of clubs and 9 of clubs overtaking with Queen of clubs if King of clubs is not forced, continuing clubs until it is forced. The Ace of diamonds now serves as the re-entry to make the remaining clubs and game cannot be prevented.

The Principle: When holding a suit headed by Queen-Jack-10 in Dummy, and A-X in closed hand or vice versa, it is usually a winning play to capture the first trick.

The Very Idea!

Bailiff Gus Hanna, of Cleveland, U.S.A., is still looking for the person or persons who succeeded in blasting the order of the court presided over by Judge George P. Baer. Gus likes his ceremony. But the other day when his gavel came down at the end of the "Hear ye! Hear ye!" there ensued an explosion which all but routed Gus' dignity. Someone had placed a toy pistol cap where it would do the most good under the bailiff's lusty gavel swing.

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In a country theatre an opera was being produced, and in certain passages of the overture a trumpet had to be blown off-stage for effect.

Great was the conductor's consternation when, as the first climax came, there was no sound of the trumpet. Much annoyed, he continued till the second climax was reached. Still the trumpet was silent.

When the overture was finished the conductor rushed to the wings. There he found the trumpeter still arguing with a stage hand.

"I tell you, you can't play that thing here," asserted the latter in angry tones. "There's a show going on!"

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A Ghost Story.—"Our house was built before the outbreak of the Civil War, and stands on the site of the Battle of Marston Moor. It is recorded that a Roundhead took refuge in the house, but was caught and killed by the Cavalier owner. The battle ended in the middle of the night; and every night at about 10 o'clock as we sit in the library, a chilly waft of air passes through the room, just as if somebody had been through.

"I once happened to be in the hall outside, when I saw a swing door open. Immediately afterwards I heard someone say to a visitor in the library, 'Ah, there it is; do you feel it?' The refugee had passed through the house.

"An old inhabitant of the neighbourhood tells us that the folk who lived in the house before us complained of this self-same momentary draught, which passed through the house at 10 o'clock at night."

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William Kennard, of Westcliff, was summoned at Southend recently for failing to pay a penny tram fare.

The case was dismissed, it being explained that the defendant got on to a car at the end of a stage, and that his failure to pay was "sheer cussedness."

"We accept the explanation," remarked the chairman, "knowing human nature to be what it is."

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(A medical writer pleads for the utmost care and control of sneezing.)

In these glum influenzal days,
When I with dumb-bells, jerks, and such,
Contrive resistance so to raise,
As will defy the microbe's touch,
I frown upon the thoughtless wight
In restaurant, carriage, lift and street,
Who dares to cast to left and right,
The germs I strive so hard to beat.
My glowing health, which I'm so pleased at,
Is not exactly to be sneezed at!

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Woman at Glasgow—It was only an argument to start with, but it soon transpired into real business.

Solicitor at Tottenham—Is it true that you pawn the furniture?
Wife—No, I only pawned the piano.

Barrister at Willesden—An Englishman's home is his castle.
Magistrate (sadly)—It used to be in the good old days.

Man at Glasgow—I have never been before a Bench before.
Magistrate—You have been before the "bar" often enough.

Woman at Tottenham, denying a statement made by her husband—He is a liar. Magistrate—You can call him a liar at home, but you must not do so here.

Sir Charles Pinkham, Willesden Magistrate, after hearing the claims of two men to one pony—Solomon's judgment seems to be the proper solution. Shall I cut the pony across or lengthwise?

A British case figures in the small-pox figures for last week. There was also an Indian case, and the rest were Chinese. The total was 22, but there were 29 deaths. Nine cases came from Victoria, twelve from Kowloon and one from Aberdeen. As will be seen from the details, the outbreak is declining. On Tuesday, four further cases were reported, including another British case.

COMMUNISTS NEAR SWATOW.

MISSIONARIES HAVE TO LEAVE SHONGHONG.

TROOP MOVEMENTS.

Swatow, Apr. 3.

News of the movements of the Communist force under Generals Tsu and Moh is to the effect that after looting Tingchow it went down the river to Shonghong. Government troops were in Shonghong in force on March 20, and had retaken it a few days later. In the meantime, the place was seized by the Communists, but whether it was evacuated by the troops or whether they were driven out is not yet clear; nor is there information as to the extent of looting.

Before the Communist occupation, however, there was an extensive evacuation on the part of the civil population, and at one place, two days' journey away, some three hundred people from Shonghong were taking refuge. These included missionaries of the Mennonite Baptist Mission.

The Communist force is reported to have gone on to the district city of Yungting and news of its further advance is anxiously awaited.

An encircling movement is said to be being attempted by the Government troops, an attack being co-ordinated from the Fukien side, and by Kwangtung troops in two divisions on the Kwangtung side. It is important that this destructive force be kept out of the rich Chaochowfu-Swatow plain.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

JUDGMENT AGAINST THE L.C.C.

JUDGE AND ALLEGED MALADMINISTRATION.

London, Mar. 2.

Judgment was entered for the plaintiff by Mr. Justice Avory in the King's Bench Division yesterday, in the action brought by Mr. Albert Robert Martin, of Ebbisham-road, Epsom, against the London County Council.

Mr. Martin, who was formerly in the employ of the Council as a temporary assistant clerk at the Horton Mental Hospital, Epsom, claimed damages for alleged malicious prosecution.

He was summoned on two occasions for stealing National Health and Unemployment Insurance stamps and acquitted on each occasion—first by the Epsom magistrates and later by a jury at the Surrey Quarter Sessions.

The defence was that the Council acted reasonably and with probable cause, and without malice. They also pleaded the Public Authorities Protection Act of 1893.

The special jury found that the Council had been actuated by malice and awarded Mr. Martin £250 damages.

Mr. Justice Avory now gave judgment on the legal issue raised in the action—that of reasonable cause on the part of the London County Council in taking proceedings against Mr. Martin.

Duty of Prosecuting.

With regard to the statutory defence, Mr. Justice Avory said that the duty of prosecuting was not in his opinion a public duty within the statue. Having regard to the absence of evidence from the persons who were said to be responsible for the investigation and prosecution—they were not called by the defendants—he was unable to say that there was reasonable and probable cause for the prosecution.

The jury his Lordship said, put to him a question whether if the defendants were trying to cover up maladministration in the office that would constitute malice. His reply was that it would, if they had not an honest belief in plaintiff's guilt. That question and answer showed what the jury had in mind—the concealment of maladministration in the office—and he was not prepared to say there was no evidence from which such an inference could be drawn.

He entered judgment as stated, and granted a stay of execution with a view to appeal.

HUSBAND'S MISTAKE.

STRANGER'S CAR DAMAGED IN SUPPOSED REVENGE.

When John Alcock, aged 50, a commercial traveller, of Portstreet, Southport, was charged at Marylebone with being drunk and disorderly and with doing damage to the extent of £5 to a motor-car belonging to Mr. Ellis, an optician, of Jeffreys-road, Clapham, he explained that he had made an extraordinary mistake.

He damaged the car, he said, because he thought the owner of the car was with his wife. He came from Southport on business, he declared, and went to Regent's Park-road to keep watch on his wife. He was told that a certain man had gone to the house in a small grey car. He was very upset, and, mistaking a car that was two doors away for the grey car referred to, he took away some of the parts so that it could not be driven.

"I thought I had the right man, but I hadn't," he said.

Mr. Bingley fined him 5s., £5 for the damage to the car, 5s. costs, and 10s. 6d. for a doctor's fee.

M.C.L.'S FUTURE ACTIVITIES.

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could say, however, that they would not have the Fete on the same lines as last year, but something quite different. As soon as they had completed their plans, they would notify all the different Branch Presidents and they would have a meeting to discuss the plans further.

Mrs. Southorn added that she hoped everyone would be satisfied with that, as they wanted to keep the plans a little private because "if we let them out, some people may take them for something else."—(Laughter).

The Officials.

Mrs. Creasy read the names of the officials for 1929 as follow:

Patroness: Lady Clementi; President: Mrs. W. T. Southorn; Vice-President: Mrs. H. T. Creasy; General Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. D. Lloyd; General Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. E. I. Wynne-Jones.

Hongkong branch representatives.—Mrs. Byron (Naval); Mrs. Robinson (Military); Mrs. Shenton (The Peak); Mrs. Burlingham (Police); Mrs. B. W. F. Beith (Peak Children's Branch); Mrs. H. Taylor (Victoria); Mrs. McLeod (Prisons); Mrs. McCormack (Quarry Bay).

Kowloon representatives.—Miss Atkins (St. Stephen's Girls' College); Miss Kotewall (St. Paul's Girls' School); Miss Skinner (Belilios Girls' School); and Miss Mow Fung (Belilios Old Girls' Association).

It was announced that Mrs. B. Wylie had resigned from the Kowloon Branch, which was in her charge last year.

Annual Report.

The annual report gave details of the organisation, together with particulars of the allocation of funds, as well as reports of the various branches and their activities during the year. Thanks were expressed to all who had made the year such a success.

It was reported that several new allocations were made during the year. These included the following:

The British Miners' Relief Fund and the St. Dunstan's Home for the Blind.

"The Stork" Training Ship which educates London street boys who are destitute and trains them for various trades. The Treasurer is Commander Paget Hett, a brother of Mrs. Beavis. The late Mr. Le Hy-san took a great interest in this charity.

The Ross Institute which does such good work for the alleviation of tropical diseases.

The V.D.A. Hospital Supplies Fund which helps sufferers in Pakhoi, Yunan Fu and other places in China. The Bishop of Victoria asked for help in this very good cause.

The Industrial Boys' School in charge of the Rev. Father Bernardini, West Point. A school which does much good to destitute boys in Hongkong.

The S.P.C.A. A donation of $100 was allocated to the Society, which is very badly in need of Funds this year. It should appeal to all children who are now being taught in schools and as Scouts and Guides how wrong it is to be cruel to animals.

Members.—The Register of members of the Guild and League for the year 1928 shows 417 adults and 1,231 children.

Funds.—The total sum collected during 1928 amounted to $19,460.20. The branches having worked with so much enthusiasm throughout the year made it possible for the Committee to allocate $2,000 more than in the preceding year. The Committee decided to have the accounts for 1928 audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Mr. Fleming of this Firm having very kindly undertaken to do this for the League.

The balance sheet showed receipts totalling $19,460.26, with bank balance standing at $375.04 and cash in hand $16.31. In addition, there were balances in the hands of Branch Secretaries amounting to $115.82.

Funds Raised.

The grand totals of funds raised during the past nine years are:—1920, $10,481; 1921, $16,128; 1922, $21,000; 1923, $21,075 1924, $19,698; 1925, $16,481; 1926, $14,539; 1927, $17,550; 1928, $19,460.20.

POLICE RESERVIST IN DOCK.

DEFENDING SOLICITOR ASKS FOR DISCHARGE.

REMANDED ON BAIL.

Cheung Sam-chong, charged with possession of six plates for the purpose of forging Hongkong and Shanghai Bank notes and with conspiracy in connexion with the forgeries, again appeared on remand before Major C. Willson this morning.

Opposing a further remand, Mr. Leo d'Almada, Snr., for the defence, submitted that there was no reasonable ground for proceeding further against the defendant. A Police Reservist, he had been the means of assisting the police in the arrest of a gang, but, for an unknown reason, he came under the suspicion of the police and his house at Shelley Street received attention and was raided.

Mr. D'Almada said the plates mentioned in the charges were not found in the possession of the defendant.

Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P., said the police would be expecting a witness to arrive very soon. He applied for substantial bail.

Bail was fixed at $5,000, the defendant being then remanded until next week.

WORK OF HOSPITAL.

"A GOOD CAUSE HALF THE BATTLE."

Colonel William Hunter stated at the annual meeting of the London Fever Hospital that diphtheria forced itself to the front of their problems, and it said much for the efficiency of the hospital that less than four per cent. of the cases treated proved fatal.

Lord Ebury, who was in the chair and who was re-elected President, said that repairs had had to be carried out at the hospital owing to the dangerous state of the masonry. Only a little over £8,000 had been raised or promised in connexion with their appeal for £50,000.

Sir John Broadbent said that, owing to lack of accommodation, private cases had had to be refused or placed in the general ward.

Colonel the Hon. Arthur Brodrick, presiding at the annual meeting of the Governors of the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, held for the first time in the new building in Broad-street, Bloomsbury, W.C., said that, although the hospital was not yet in full working order in the new premises, it was able to treat patients from all parts of the kingdom in the most efficient manner.

When in full working order the hospital—which was three times the size of the old one—would cost in administration and maintenance at least £20,000 a year, but he felt that a good cause was half the battle and that the money would be forthcoming.

Colonel Brodrick said that there had been a great fear on the part of the voluntary hospital that, under the Local Government Bill, they would be engulfed by the County Councils. He did not think, however, that there was any cause for alarm.

BANK FRAUD CASE DEVELOPMENT.

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of the delivery orders and in this connexion it was necessary for him to tell them that no banks would give large overdrafts on personal securities. They wanted a mortgage on property, etc. and it was for the jury to consider whether the accused had induced the Banks through the delivery orders, to believe that there was rice to cover the over-drafts.

The case of the Lloyds Bank was similar to that of the Netherlands Bank.

Bank Agent's Statement.

Mr. F. B. Ricketts, Agent of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, said he held the position since November 1927. He knew the firm of Beng Hwat and Co. and also knew accused. His bank had business with the firm.

Mr. deGlanville objected to the evidence on the ground of irrelevancy.

His Lordship over-ruled it. Witness then explained the procedure adopted in regard to the opening of credit.

Witness said at the end of July 1928 he had delivery orders handed to him as deposit because the account had been over-drawn. Witness asked Ben Chong when there would be credits to cover the over-drafts. He said they would come along but there was no need to worry as he had rice to cover the over-drafts. As, however, no over-drafts came forward he asked accused who then produced the delivery orders. Accused personally deposited them. As he was not familiar with the orders witness asked him what they represented. He said ready rice which witness could take delivery of at any time. He asked accused if he could inspect the rice. Accused said he could do so at any time.

Accused's Overdraft.

Witness said that he went with Mr. Doherty of Lloyds Bank on a Sunday to the mill; he found no rice there. He also visited another mill. He joined with the other banks in filing an insolvency petition. He lost something over Rs. 400,000.

Cross-examined by Mr. de Glanville:—What date did you get the orders?—Either 19th or 20th July.

At the end of May accused's overdraft was over Rs. 600,000?—Yes.

Did you hold any security for that?—I held his shipping lien.

When was it unsecured?—It was never unsecured.

You said in the Magistrate's Court at times the account was overdrawn without security?—It may have been for a short space.

Case Dropped.

You were also a complainant in the criminal case?—Yes.

And who was your Advocate?—Mr. Clark of Leach and Clark.

And the Magistrate dropped the charge preferred by you?—Yes.

Re-examined by Mr. Eggar, witness said his accounts did not show any shipping liens.

Do you know why the charge was dropped—I understand we were not in the same section.

Did you withdraw the charge because there was no cheating?—No.

The Foreman:—Would you have allowed the accused to over-draw with you if credits were not received from England in his favour?—I certainly would not have allowed the over-draft to continue.

The hearing lasted several days and was not concluded when the mail left.

"We're getting the indorsement of all the merchants in this neighbourhood, and we'd like to have your name on the list."

MAGISTRATE IN A QUANDARY.

LAD WHO HAD HAD FOUR BIRCHINGS.

REFORMATORY NEED.

The appearance of two youthful offenders before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning was treated by his Worship in the nature of a problem in which the effect of physical chastisement and imprisonment was conjectured.

While deliberating over the sentence to be inflicted on the first boy, a lad of 15, who was charged with being a pickpocket, his Worship observed that within the last 18 months the boy had been convicted four times and as often had been whipped on being brought before the Court. That had appeared to have had no effect, and his Worship said it was the sort of case in which a reformatory would be needed.

His Worship added:—He has had four beatings. I must give him a stiff sentence. Perhaps that will choke him off. I will give him three months.

Of the second boy, who was brought up on a similar charge, his Worship remarked that, having been only just out of prison, he was at his tricks again. He would get twelve strokes of the birch, and if that did not cure him, he would be given a long sentence on another appearance before the Court.

"It is absurd going on like this," his Worship told the defendant.

GREYHOUND COMPANY SUED.

SEQUEL TO SHARES DISPUTE.

The hearing of the action brought by Mr. Manley Collins, of The Ridgeway, Golders Green, against the Associated Greyhound Racecourses, Ltd., was recently heard in the Chancery Division before Mr. Justice Luxmoore.

Mr. Collins claimed a rectification of the register of the members of the company by the removal of his name as the holder of 8,160 shares of five shillings each and the repayment by the company of £1,224 paid by him in respect of the shares.

The company counter-claimed for £816, which, they alleged, was payable by Mr. Collins in respect of the shares.

Mr. Collins pleaded that the company in their prospectus stated that they were going to acquire as going concerns eight greyhound racecourses. Instead they only acquired six, and he alleged that misrepresentation had taken place. The company denied misrepresentation.

Mr. Collins, in further evidence, said that he was asked to take part in the sub-underwriting and was sent a draft prospectus. It was arranged that he should get four per cent. commission and he agreed to underwrite 12,000 shares.

Admiral Sir Sidney Robert Fremantle, the Chairman of the company, said that the result of the refusal of the sub-underwriters to meet their obligations was that the company did not have the money available to fulfil all the contracts of purchase.

The hearing was adjourned.

WOMAN'S SCENE IN COMMONS.

SHOUT FROM GALLERY DURING DEBATE.

London, Mar. 7.

Another disorderly interruption occurred in the House of Commons last night during the debate on the Scottish Derating Bill.

While Mr. James Stewart was speaking a well-dressed young woman who was leaving the public gallery turned round at the top of the steps leading out of the gallery and hurled offensive epithets at members below in a loud and cultured voice.

With a final "To hell with you, curse you," she left the gallery, followed by an attendant and a detective.

After being detained in the police-room in Palace-yard she was taken to a home, where she will be suitably looked after.

She gave her name as Miss Johnston, a clerk who has been out of work. Her rent at her lodgings has not been paid for a fornight and she was turned out yesterday by her landlady, who gave her 2s. for some food.

She was thus homeless and having nowhere to go, turned in to the House of Commons to listen to the debate. On being asked the reason for her interruption, she replied: "I hardly knew what I was doing. I think I swore."

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POLICE OUT OF THE LEAGUE RACE.

GOAL FROM STRANGE FREE-KICK DECIDES.

K.O.S.B. SUPERIOR.

[By "Wanderer."]

Police aspirations to championship honours were brought to an end yesterday afternoon by the K.O.S.B. who scored the only goal in a hard game. The Borderers were the better team from beginning to end, showing up well in all departments, and thoroughly deserved their win, though it must be said that the Police were unlucky to lose since the goal was scored almost directly from a free-kick which should not have been given.

The incident occurred about two minutes before the interval. The ball was sent in Brittain's direction about four feet from the ground. The Police half-back braced himself to take the ball on his body in the normal way and it struck the pit of his stomach towards the left side. His arms were held slightly away from his sides as is usually done by a sensible player in order to allay any possible suggestion of hands. The Borderers supporters were amused and the Police supporters amazed when the referee, Mr. Willis, blew his whistle.

The resultant goal was brilliant. Reeves put in a terrific drive—from a spot forty yards out when the alleged "hands" occurred. The ball was passing just clear when Stock ran in and netted with a superbly judged header, giving Clark no possible chance.

Had this been the referee's only mistake he might have been pardoned on the general principle that no-one is infallible, but he missed a case of deliberate hands in the penalty area, a palpably deliberate kick at a player after the ball had passed out of play, and several minor things, which lead inevitably to question of the wisdom of appointing an official only recently promoted to first-class rank to a game on which the league championship might depend.

The Borderers played a sound game, but seldom looked likely to add to the score secured in the manner recorded. They were faster on the ball, brilliantly accurate in their passing, and pressed strongly for long periods. Only Reeves seemed likely to score, but his speculators were usually too hurriedly taken to give confidence. Reeves, however, played one of his best games, his distribution of the ball being extremely neat and accurate.

The Police had the consolation of putting up a fine attempt to stave off defeat from an obviously superior team. Several members of their defence did two men's work, and Clark saved them time after time when the position seemed hopeless. They were undeniably weak forward, Howarth being off colour. Only Pilo and Fraser revealed anything near their best form.

Brittain was the best of the halves, Oram failing to maintain after the interval, his excellent showing in the first half. Muir was weak at back, but Wynne's defence was masterly.

The K.O.S.B. right wing was again the chief source of danger. Skiggs led Jessop and Muir a lively dance, and he centred so well that it seemed impossible that the inside men could throw away all the chances which thus developed. Stock and McGlinchey worked hard; indeed, all the forwards did well. Everest and Davey were rivals for principal honours in the half-back line. Both played exceedingly well, the latter's headwork being a feature of the game. McDougall was so well covered that he had no shot to save in the first half. After the interval, he was troubled, but performed creditably.

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A number of Junior Division games were also played, the match between the R.A. Reserves and South China "B" being for four points. The results were:—

Kowloon R.	0	K.O.S.B. Res.	4
R.A. Res.	2	S. China "B"	2
Athletic	4	Eastern	0
Somersets	1	R.A.F.	1

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To-Day's Games.

Two Senior League matches are down for decision to-day, as follows:—

Kowloon v. R.A.—Kowloon, 5.15 p.m.

Athletic v. Small Units.—Club, 5.15 p.m.

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A replay has been ordered by the Association in respect of the match between the Club and the Chinese Athletic which resulted in a draw. The Athletic appealed from a referee's decision. When the match was resumed in the second half, the Club goalkeeper had not returned to the field. Bishop waved his hand to the referee to signal his intention of going into goal, but he did not apparently understand the meaning of the signal, for when the Athletic attacked and Bishop saved, he awarded a penalty, which he immediately revoked on an explanation. The Athletic appealed on the ground that the Club had not notified the change of goal-keeper, and that Bishop had not changed his shirt. On these grounds, the Athletic were upheld, and a re-play is being arranged.

LAWN TENNIS.

H. D. RUMJAHN BEATS M. K. LO.

H. D. Rumjahn and M. K. Lo replayed their Open Championship Singles game yesterday on the stand court at the Hongkong C.C. ground, resulting in the former getting into the fourth round by winning three sets to one. On the occasion of their previous meeting, the score was two sets all when bad light brought the match to an end.

Results.

Open Singles Championship.—H. D. Rumjahn beat M. K. Lo 6-4, 6-4, 4-6, 8-6.

Handicap Singles "B" (Final).—E. R. Price (rec. 4/6) beat T. J. Price (owe 2/6) 5-7, 6-1, 6-1.

Mixed Doubles.—S. E. Green and Miss Heard, received a walk over from L. Forster and Mrs. Stark; D. Smith and Mrs. Smith (owe 4/6) beat W. Woodward and Mrs. Woodward (rec. 4/6), 9-7, 6-3; H. V. Parker and Miss D. Stanton (owe 2/6) beat A. Piercy and Mrs. Piercy (rec. 4/6) 6-3, 5-7, 6-1.

To-day's Matches.

The following matches will be played to-day:

Open Singles Championship: S. A. Rumjahn v J. S. McEachran; M. W. Lo v L. Goldman.

Handicap Singles "A":—H. J. Armstrong (owe 1/6) v J. G. Lawrie (owe 3/6); J. Barrow (rec. 3/6) v L. Forster (owe 15).

Handicap Doubles.—G. N. de Man and C. Stigter (rec. 4/6) v O. E. C. Marton and H. Owen Hughes (owe 15/1).

RUGBY CONTEST.

ROYAL NAVY CONVINCINGLY DEFEAT ARMY.

The second of the series of matches in the annual triangular Rugby contest was played on the Hongkong Football Club ground yesterday afternoon, between the Royal Navy and the Army, the former winning by the big margin of 20 points to 5.

The Navy gave a convincing display, and showed all-round superiority. Their team work was far more spectacular than that of their opponents, who were absolutely outclassed by a better combination.

The Army forwards seldom if ever looked dangerous, and lacked the combination necessary for penetrating the opposition's defence.

The Navy had matters practically their own way, and scored on no fewer than six occasions. Four of their tries, however, were unconverted. They scored from a penalty goal, and had one try converted.

The Army only crossed their opponents' line once, but they had the satisfaction of gaining full points.

The final scores were.—Navy 20 points (one goal, one penalty goal and four tries) against the Army's one goal.

The Navy and the Club have won a match each, and on Monday the deciding game between these two fifteens will be played. Should the Navy maintain that form of yesterday they will stand a good chance of winning.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

KOWLOON TEAM FOR FRIDAY.

The following have been chosen to represent the Hongkong Hockey Club "A" team against the K.B.S.F.P.A. on the King's Park ground on Friday:—Sapsed; Rowell, Rankin; Ashby, Duncan, N. Evans; Price, Botelho, Nowers. Laffender, Ross. Bully-off: 5.15 p.m.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, $1245 s.
Chartered Bank, £20½ b.
Mercantile A. & B., £34½ n.
P. and O. £9½ n.
East Asia $90½ n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., $695 b.
Union Ins., $383 n.
North China, Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtsze Ins., $50 n.
China Underwriters, $2.40 s.
China Fires, $290 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., $752 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, $36 n.
H. K. Steamboats, $26 s.
H. K. Tugs, $2.40 n.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) $92 n.
Union Waterboats, $22½ n.

Mining.

Benguets, $2.75 b.
Kailans, 63/9 n.
Langkats, Tls. 14 n.
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 3.00 s.
Raubs, $6.65 n. X. Div.
Tronohs, 17/6 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, $124 s.
Whampoa Docks, $37 s.
China Providents $4.55 b.
Hongkews, Tls 169 b.
New Enginberings, Tls. 4.85 b.
Shanghai Docks. Tls. 117 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 12.80 b.
Orientals, Tls. 2 n.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 72 (old) n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, $8.90 s.
H. K. Lands, $63 b.
S'hai Lands Tls. 171 b.
Humphreys, $4.35 b.
Realties, $8.60 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, $18.45 n.
Peak Trams, (old) $12½ b.
Star Ferries, $67 b.
China Lights, (Old) $13.90 b.
H. K. Electrics, $58½ sa.
Macao Electrics, $26½ n.
Telephones $7.10 n.
China Buses, Tls. 13. b.
Singapore Tractions, 11/6 n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, $1.00 s.
Malabons, $30 b.
Canton Ices, $2 s.
Cements (Comb.) $8.70 s.
Ropes (Old) $7½ n.
United Asbestos $5 n.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, $20 s.
Watsons, $13.20 b. X. Div.
Def A. Wings, $80 b.
Lane Crawfords, $2½ s.
Mackintosh, $20 n.
Sincores, $11 b.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, $25.00 b.
Constructions, $1.25 s.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 66⅔%
H.K.G.Loan6½%s.Prom.Interest.

"THE AWAKENING."

VILMA BANKY'S FIRST STARRING FILM.

"The Awakening," Samuel Goldwyn's first starring picture for the beautiful blonde actress, Vilma Banky, is the feature attraction at the Queen's Theatre from to-day to Saturday.

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Previously Miss Banky has appeared with Ronald Colman in such noteworthy pictures as "The Dark Angel," "The Winning of Barbara Worth," "Two Lovers" and many others.

The monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association will be held at the Chaplain's Hut, Scandal Point, on Friday, April 12th at 6 p.m. prompt. All interested are cordially invited.

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CHAPTER XLVI.

Hollis must have concluded his packing some time that afternoon, because when Ashtoreth returned at four o'clock from luncheon their suite was deserted.

She looked on her dressing table for the customary note. If Hollis as much as wandered down to the bar, he was sure to leave a message. Weighted with a crystal bottle, or an onyx jar. Or stuck, maybe, in the corner of her mirror . . . "Beloved, I adore you. Seeking liquid refreshment. Return in 10 minutes. Will miss you fearfully. Your adoring husband." . . . Silly little notes, full of crazy protestations. She would find them on her pillow in the mornings, if he went out before she awoke. . . "Angel, you look like a madonna with your eyelashes kissing your cheeks. I go to choose flowers for your breakfast tray."

She had given Mogg the afternoon. Probably Hollis had entrusted a message to her, and the stupid creature had forgotten to leave word. She lifted things on her dressing table, poking about. She looked under her pillow, and on Hollis' chiffonier. . . Maybe he was cross because she lunched with Monty. But he told her to. He had been perfectly pleasant about it. Well, if he was angry, he could stay angry. The idea!

She opened her bag. Petit point, with an old gold clasp, set with emeralds. It was stuffed with francs.

She would walk along rue Sainte Honore, out to the Fauborg, and look in the windows of all those adorable little shops. They were sure to be full of entrancing things. She'd get a quilted bed jacket for Maizie. And some of that gleaming Russian jewellery for Sadie. Sadie would adore those ankle bangles, and the long, drippy ear rings. If she didn't have enough money, she could have them sent collect to the hotel. Hollis wouldn't mind. But it would serve him right, if he did. Her last afternoon in Paris! And he'd gone off, without a word.

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When she returned, Mogg was back. And Hollis had telephoned, leaving word that he had been delayed.

It was seven o'clock. "I'll wait half an hour," she decided, "and if he isn't in then, I'll have dinner by myself."

She would go to Maxim's, because she enjoyed watching French girls. They fascinated her. Hollis didn't like to take her there, because he said she stared outrageously.

At half past seven, Ashtoreth put on dark clothes, and a small felt hat. She had heard that women were not admitted alone. But that of course was nonsense. American girls go everywhere. With well bred nonchalence, they crash the gilded gates of the best and the worst places in Paris.

"I'll stroll right in," she decided. 'They won't dare say anything."

So she took a taxi, and was deposited at Maxim's, along with a few American tourists, and two dubiously attractive ladies, who arrived simultaneously. She followed on the heels of the tourists, leaving the cocottes (for such they were) standing on the sidewalk, waiting an auspicious moment to ask some man to take them in.

She sat at a small table near the door, where she could best see sin in action. It wasn't as exciting as she expected. The ladies of the boulevards, sitting in groups, ordered drinks, and chatted together, quite like women anywhere. The American tourists looked at them shyly, and made comments behind their hands.

There was not a woman there who looked "fast," in the American sense. Ashtoreth wondered if any of them were war widows, and if they had children.

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She ordered a filet of sole with wine sauce and was waiting for it when she was conscious of someone standing at her elbow.

"Ashtoreth! What, in the name of all that's holy, are you doing here?"

It was Monty.

"Oh, hello, Monty." She was elaborately casual. "Sit down, won't you? I'm all alone."

"So I noticed. What's the big idea?"

"My husband had an engagement," she lied glibly. "And he just parked me here for a while. He's coming back later. We'll have dinner together. Hollis can't be here for an hour."

He drew out a chair, and let her order for him, supplementing her suggestions with a bottle of champagne.

"You shouldn't ever eat sole without champagne, Ash. I'm ashamed of you!"

They toasted each other gaily.

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Here's to the widow of fifty;
Here's to the flaunting, extravagant queen,
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Let the toast pass;
Drink to the lass;

"I'll warrant she'll prove an excuse for the glass . . . You're the flaunting extravagant queen, Ash."

"That's all right," she retorted. "I'm married to the king."

Monty grew serious.

"He is a prince, you know, Ash, I don't believe you half appreciate him."

"Oh, yes, I do," she protested. "There's just one little thing, Monty. Two little things, I should say." . . She leaned toward him, and the sparkling champagne made her eyes dance. She laughed softly. Irresistibly. "False teeth!" she giggled. Two of them. On swivels. He takes them out at nights.

Monty regarded her severely.

"I wouldn't tell anyone but you," she assured him.

"Well, that's nice of you, I'm sure. Listen to my words of wisdom, young woman. If your husband had a toupee and a wooden leg and a glass eye, he'd still be aces with me. And you'd be a darn lucky girl, at that."

"Well, it's not very romantic," she demurred, thinking of the teeth. She believed that was why Hollis was always up first in the morning. Probably he kept them in a glass in the bathroom.

At 10 o'clock she pretended to look about for Hollis, and watched the door, as though expecting him.

"What are you doing to-night, Monty?"

"Going to bed," he told her. "Went out on a bender last night, and I'm not feeling so hot."

"Then suppose you take me home," she proposed. "We can leave a message here for Holly. I'm tired myself."

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She was beginning to be a little nervous. Hollis had surely returned, and was probably frightened to death. Well, it would serve him right. Just the same, she had better be going. He was crazy about her, really. It would not do to frighten him too much.

But Hollis was not there when they arrived.

"Come up," she invited Monty. "It's perfectly respectable. We have a drawing room."

He declined shortly. "No thanks. I'll be toddling along. See you in Boston some time."

"Oh, please come, Monty . . . . . Listen, I'll tell you something. It wasn't true that I was expecting Holly at Maxim's. I don't know where he is. I went there alone, because he didn't come home to dinner. He went out this afternoon, while I was lunching with you. He didn't leave any message or anything. And I haven't seen him since."

Monty whistled. "Was he sore because you met me?"

"Oh, no. No, that wasn't it. We haven't quarrelled. In fact, I think he probably left a note for me when he went out, but Mogg was cleaning, and she's the most thorough thing you ever saw. Sweeps everything up, just like a whirlwind. Holly's poor note must have gone the way of all tissue. I've no doubt he's tried to reach me a dozen times by telephone, but you know yourself how these French people are about getting messages. I assure you, Monty, there's nothing wrong. Only I'm just a little nervous. And I would appreciate it if you'd stay with me."

Monty considered his hat (it was one of those light grey ones—almost white) and flecked an imaginary speck from its spotless rim. He was plainly embarrassed.

"Heavens Ash! I'd rather not go up to your rooms. Don't you see how it is? Let's sit down here in the lobby."

Ashtoreth's colour rose hotly.

"You're the most provincial creature," she told him angrily. "No, I shan't sit in any old lobby. Go ahead, if you want. Go home, and say your prayers, and ask God to keep you a good, circumspect little boy. Go on."

She flounced off. Then turned on her heel with another little admonition.

"Go to the devil!" she commanded tersely.

He stood there until she had stepped into the lift, and was whisked away. The lift, he noticed, was like a golden cage. And the thought flashed through his mind that Ashtoreth was a captive girl in a golden cage. Monty was not imaginative, nor particularly sentimental. He shrugged, and pulling his smart hat over his eyes, stopped a taxi and returned to his pension.

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Some time, after midnight, he was started by a patter of small stones on his window. He woke instantly. With a sort of clairvoyant sense, he knew that Ashtoreth was in the garden, throwing pebbles to rouse him. So sure was his conviction that he did not pause to look, but slipped into his dressing gown and hurried down stairs.

As he stepped through the wicket into the garden, she came toward him. She was wearing a long dark wrap, and pumps with rhinestone heels.

She looked frightened and distressed, and came to him with outstretched hands.

"You'll catch cold," he told her coolly, quite as though he were used to visits from beautiful girls who came at midnight, to throw pebbles at his window. "Go upstairs, and I will call Madame."

"It's about Holly!" she cried. "He hasn't come home yet."

Monty took her arm sternly. "Go in the house."

"Don't be cross!" she begged, and caught his wrist with her hand. "I woke up, and when Hollis wasn't there, I was so frightened. I didn't wait to dress. I didn't think, Monty. I only threw on a wrap, and came straight to you."

He led her down the little flagged walk and into the house.

"Wait in my room," he commanded. "I'll be there, as soon as I can rouse Madame."

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She stumbled up the dark stairs. There was a feeble moon, shining whitely, and the room was full of shadows. Dark, hateful shadows. And a great ugly wardrobe. She bumped her knee on the thing, and tripped, falling against the bed. It was soft and warm, and smelled faintly of tobacco. She sat on the edge and waited. Her heart was pounding wildly.

In a moment Monty came carrying a candle, which he shaded with his hand.

How handsome he looks, thought Ashtoreth. But she was trembling too violently to say anything. There were voices on the street, and the sound of a car with engine running madly. Then a horrid clatterig shook the little house.

"That's the sort of knocker we have!" whispered Monty. "Maybe it will wake Madame. I couldn't."

It must have been an iron knocker, at the very least. It shook the bricks, and beams of wood. And flakes of mortar came tumbling down from the walls.

"It would rouse the dead," shuddered Ashtoreth.

Then they heard Madame, breathing loudly, in the next room. They heard her plant heavy feet on the floor, and they heard the bed creak. She struck a match and lighted her candle. And, complaining, descended the stairs. Monty went to the door, and, opening it, listened to the conversation in the hall below. After a moment, he turned quietly to Ashtoreth.

"It's your husband," he said. "And Madame is sending him up."

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TAKES A SIDE TRIP TO CAIRO FROM PORT SAID.

Cairo, Apr. 3.

The Duke of Gloucester, who is on his way to Japan, disembarked at Port Said for a short visit here, and accompanied by Lord Lloyd and King Fuad's Grand Chamberlain proceeded to Abdin Palace to meet his Majesty.

He played polo in the afternoon, before rejoining the steamer at Port Said.—*Reuter.*

LETTER GOLF.

There isn't much difference between a PAGE and a BOOK in letter golf. Par is five.

P	A	G	E
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1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page.

AGREEMENT REACHED

MONGOLIAN EXPEDITION TO BE CARRIED THROUGH.

Peking, Apr. 3.

The difficulties created by the Peking Society for the Preservation of Cultural Objects, which threatened to prevent the Central Asiatic Expedition under Mr. Roy Chapman Andrews from entering Mongolia this year, are believed to have been surmounted.

It is expected that the expedition will leave at the end of April. After much argument the Society's demands were considerably modified and a verbal agreement was reached. It is expected that it will be signed in a few days.

This will be the fifth and final expedition and will be in the nature of a clearing up. The expedition's programme will consist mainly of getting out the huge fossils discovered last year, which it was then impossible to transport.

The terms include a provision whereby two Chinese will accompany the expedition.—*Reuter.*

WOMEN'S HOSTEL.

PROCEEDS OF UNIVERSITY CONCERT.

On Saturday, March 16, a concert and dance were held in the University Great Hall in aid of the Building Fund of the Women's Hostel. It was promoted by Miss Griffin and the women undergraduates and enthusiastically supported by the men undergraduates. The result was very encouraging to the promoters of the fete, who feel very grateful to the public for their practical cooperation. The statement of accounts follows:

Receipts.

Donations:		
Lady Ho Tung	$ 100.—	
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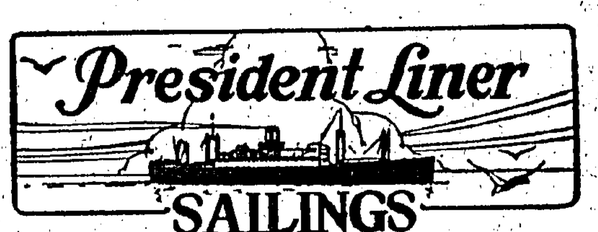

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The apparently sound cargo having arrived by the same vessel, consignees are notified that any damaged cargo will be surveyed by Messrs. Anderson and Ashe on Saturday, the 6th April, 1929, at 10 a.m.

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Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the consignees, and the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday the 3rd April, 1929.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

L. LESDOS,
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Hongkong, 28th March, 1929.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th April, will be subject to rent.

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	Hosang	Fri. 26th Apr at	7 a.m.
TO STRAITS & CALCUTTA	Yuensang	Satur. 13th Apr at	3 p.m.
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Mr. A: (an elderly man): What are you doing to-morrow, Mrs. B? Will you and John come with me to "The Dover Road?"

Mrs. B: Is that the A.D.C. Show? We're going already, thanks all the same.

Mr. A: I'm sorry—still, as long as you're going, that's all right (turning to Mrs. C.). What about you? Will you and your husband come? Two of my party have fallen ill.

Mrs. C: (a pretty, selfish person): We're engaged, thanks all the same. Billy wanted me to go but I prefer bridge, so I fixed up a four.

Mr. A: Well, there are plenty of other nights for you to go. There's Tuesday, the 9th, Thursday, the 11th, Friday, the 12th and Saturday, the 13th.

Mrs. C: I don't *want* to go—I loved "On Approval," but I'm so keen on bridge now, I don't want to go to any shows.

Mr. A: But this is a *very* good show, too, and it serves a double purpose. Half the profits go to the miners.

Mrs. C: (shrugging her shoulders): I don't think I'm very interested in the miners. It's their own fault they're in this state.

Mr. A: (hotly): Oh come—that's rather hard. It's an easy thing to say when one is extremely comfortable. Let's admit they were badly led and that probably thousands of them had to follow suit. But what's the use now of casting that into the teeth of starving men, women and children?

Mrs. D: Quite right. I think it's simply horrid of you Phyllis. You must have read of the awful state in which the Prince of Wales found these people. And, after all, what is a miner's life at its best?

Mr. E. (a young man): Top marks for you, Mrs. D. I've lived in a mining district. Just before I came out here, I was in Staffordshire in my uncle's firm—all round us were mining villages. I defy you to find anything more sordidly ugly—more depressing. I used to see those fellows who'd been working for hours underground come up to the top, pale as ghosts, smeared with coal dust, blinking in the light of day, just when I was going off in clean flannels to play cricket or tennis. I used to think to myself we can't pay miners too much. Of course that isn't sound finance; their own action has proved their ruin, but all the same I never felt one should grudge them good wages and even luxuries. Good Lord, I've made a speech. Sorry but I feel strongly on that point.

Mr. A. (approvingly): So do I. I never sit by a good fire enjoying every flicker of flame without thinking of the poor devil who hacked the coal out of the earth for me. And if he did like to buy a piano and even hankered for one on each side of the fireplace and a diamond ring for his wife—why not? It is so jolly easy to deny other people luxuries.

Mrs. F: Hear hear—I've lived in the Black country too, and I know what decent folk they are—we used to see them going off to dig in their allotments and chat with them and see the wonderful things they raised—on the only green and pleasant spot in the villages. Phyllis, you've struck the wrong note there and unless you want us all for enemies—oh! here's your husband. Here Billy, Phyllis has been talking a lot of nonsense about not going to "The Dover Road" and no sympathy for the miners. We hope you're going to put your foot down heavily.

Mr. C: Of course. We all know Phyllis talks nonsense—but we don't take any notice of it. I'd plenty of miners in my Company in France and jolly good fellows, too. We're going on Tuesday, Phyllis.

Mrs. C: You're a horrid lot of people and you've made me feel a pig. That's what you wanted.

Mrs. F: Guessed right—never mind, you're not so bad as you pretend to be and you'll not lose by going on Tuesday. It's an A1. Show; every time you realise you're enjoying it you'll be glad you gave up bridge for one evening and helped to put boots on a half frozen child's feet, or food on the table of one of those poverty-stricken houses.

Mr. A: Just look round. Isn't it all too wonderful—the beauty and the comfort of it?

Mr. E. (holding up a cocktail): And the taste of it! Here's success to "The Dover Road" and may it bring in a bumper sum.

Mr. A: And so say all of us—Hongkong is a generous place. I prophesy that "The Dover Road" will be as crowded as Piccadilly in the season; there'll be crowds at every door of the Theatre with standing room only and my two spare tickets will be auctioned for a price beyond the dreams of avarice. Now roll up, ladies and gentlemen—what offers?

ARMS CHARGES.

THEFT FROM WANCHAI POLICE STATION RECALLED.

There was a further echo yesterday of the recent tragic shooting affair in Yaumati, in the appearance of Ng Chau (17) an ex-"boy" of the No. 2 (Wanchai) Police Station, before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith and Major C. Willson at the Kowloon Magistracy on a charge of being in unlawful possession of one revolver and six rounds of ammunition.

Mr. T. Murphy, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence, prosecuted.

In reply to the charge, the defendant said that somebody had stolen the revolver from the No. 2 Police Station and gave it to him. He did not know he had to have a licence.

When asked if there was anything known against the defendant, Mr. Murphy replied that he had been convicted of larceny in 1927 and given twelve strokes of the cane, while he was at present undergoing a term of six months' imprisonment for larceny arising out of the theft of these revolvers.

Mr. Whyte Smith expressed surprise that the defendant should have been employed at a Police Station when he had a previous conviction for larceny.

Mr. Murphy pointed out the difficulty of everybody having to take finger prints of servants before they were engaged.

In sentencing the defendant to two years' hard labour the Court took into consideration his youth and the fact that he had assisted the Police to recover the other two weapons.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

PAGE, PACE, PACK, BACK, BOCK, BOOK.

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CEYLAN'S MEAT CARGO TO BE PRESERVED.

Bordeaux, Apr. 3.

Divers have found the hole in the Ceylan is only three feet by four inches.

Another steamer has been sent for help to keep the refrigerating machinery going, in order to prevent damage to the cargo of chilled meat.—*Reuter.*

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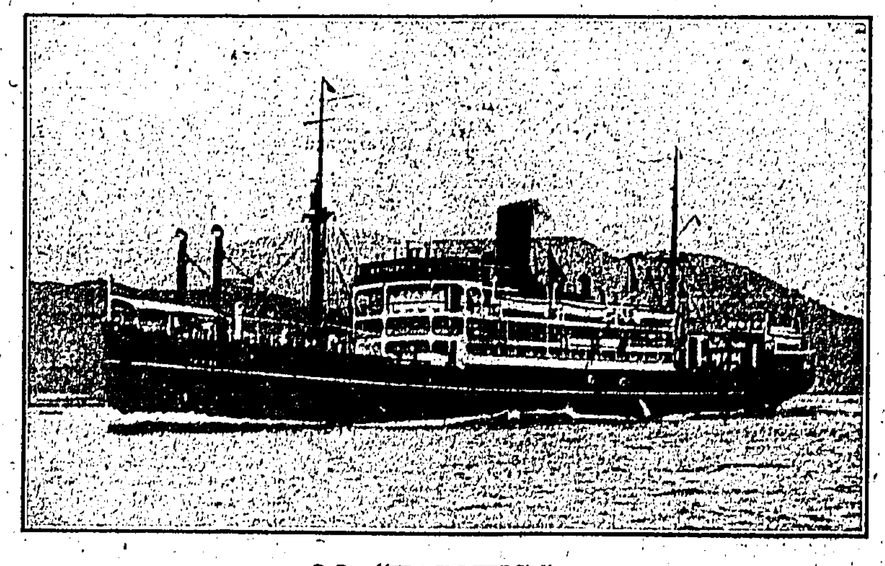

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†ALIPORE	5,273	24th Apr.	Straits, Colombo & B'bay
MANTUA	10,946	27th Apr.	Bombay, M'les & London
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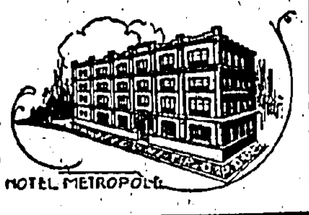
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THE BANVARD SEASON.

"CLOWNS IN CLOVER" A BIG SUCCESS.

The Banvard Musical Comedy Company gave a third change of programme of its present season at the Star Theatre last night when the Company presented "Clowns in Clover," consisting of some of their brighest and snappiest numbers, to a large and appreciative audience.

"Clowns in Clover" comes from the Adelphi Theatre and is one of London's latest musical successes. The show last night went with a swing right from the beginning. Some enjoyable dances were seen and every item was appreciated by the audience which demonstrated the fact by repeated and unstinted applause.

It is difficult to pick out any one item for special mention, so well-balanced was the whole programme; suffice it to say that the Banvard Musical Comedy Company is one of the most talented aggregation of artistes seen in Hongkong for a long time.

To-night, "Oh Kay" will be staged.

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OIL CURTAILMENT PLAN HIT.

AN INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. ANTI-TRUST LAW?

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Washington, Apr. 3.

The Secretary of the Interior Department has informed the Petroleum Institute that the Attorney-General has ruled that the Federal Oil Conservation Board has no power to approve the curtailment of oil production, as arranged between the various big concerns recently.

The announcement has caused no great surprise, but the immediate reaction has been a slump in the leading oil shares.

The President of the Petroleum Institute expresses the opinion that the ruling will not stop the curtailment of production, though it might easily tend to retard the complete success of the movement.

The plan approved by the Institute involved a cut of 170,000 barrels daily in the United States, and a proportion reduction in output in the fields controlled by the Royal Dutch-Shell group.

The legality of the plan was questioned on the ground that it was probably an infringement of the Anti-Trust laws, and the Attorney-General's decision is based thereon.

President Hoover is of opinion that any change in the Sherman Anti-Trust Law to permit inter-State agreements for the curtailment of oil production, would necessitate Federal regulation of prices, to which he is opposed.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MODERN DEFENCE OF HANKOW.

(Continued from Page 1.)

military conference of the Kwangsi and Hupeh leaders was held at Hankow, as the result of which the Kwangsi Clique is said to have resolved to retreat into the south of Kiangsi to join with the Kwangsi forces if they are defeated.

General Lu Ti-ping, the "dismissed" Hunan Governor, has arrived at Kiukiang to assist Marshal Chiang Kai-shek in the operations against the Kwangsi forces.

A number of prominent bankers in Peking have advised the Chinese merchants in Hankow not to yield to the monetary demands of the Wuhan leaders.

Support For Nanking.

Shanghai, Apr. 3.

A message from Nanking says that, endorsing the Government's anti-Wuhan campaign, Lung Yun, Chairman of the Yunnan Provincial Government, and Liu Hsiang, Chairman of the Szechuan Provincial Government, have individually wired to the State Council that they have started mobilisation of troops and are awaiting instructions to advance to Hupeh, so as to cut off the retreat of the Wuhan forces.—*Reuter.*

WENT TO SOLDIER'S ASSISTANCE.

STOKER HELD BLAMELESS ON ASSAULT CHARGE.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Private Staples, of the K.O.S.B., charged Stoker W. E. China, of H.M.S. Titania, for an assault alleged to have been committed outside the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank at 1.20 a.m. on March 29th.

The case had been remanded on a previous occasion, and this morning the complainant stated that he could not swear that the defendant was the man who hit him. He admitted that he was in such a condition that he could not recognise anyone.

Defendant said he was passing by and, seeing the complainant in such a bad condition, he went to his assistance.

His Worship discharged defendant, saying he left the Court without a stain on his character. He had acted the part of a Good Samaritan in going to Staples' assistance.

NEW FOREIGN POST IN CHINA.

APPOINTMENT OF RAILWAY CONSULTING MANAGER.

New York, Apr. 3.

Mr. J. Mantell, the former Vice-President of the Eerie Railway, has been appointed Consulting Manager of the Chinese Railways.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE PRINCE FLIES TO BOGNOR.

SURPRISE VISIT TO KING AND QUEEN.

CARRIES PARACHUTE.

London, Apr. 3.

Despite cold winds, His Majesty the King was out walking in the grounds of Craigwell House both morning and afternoon. During the day, the Prince of Wales paid a surprise visit, flying from London in order to spend the day with the King and Queen at Bognor.

He motored to the R.A.F. aerodrome at Northolt in Middlesex where a special aeroplane was awaiting him. Squadron-Leader Don, who has piloted the Prince on previous flights was the pilot.

Their Majesties were walking in the grounds when a 'phone message was received stating that the Prince was on his way, and a car was despatched to Tangmere Aerodrome to meet him. Three aeroplanes from the aerodrome went up to welcome the Prince who made the journey by air, not to save time, but because he preferred the air journey. The machine stood by at Tangmere until the afternoon when the return journey was made in thirty-five minutes.

The Prince clambered into the rear seat with a parachute strapped to his back. The journey was made in difficult conditions, the sky being overcast while strong gusty winds prevailed.

The Prince spent four and a half hours at Craigwell House. By an arrangement made last year a Bristol fighter of the Royal Air Force (communication) squadron at Northolt is kept in readiness for the Prince whenever he decides to travel by air to keep an engagement.—*British Wireless.*

MARINE COURT.

AGED CHINESE WOMAN IN THE DOCK.

Chan Lin, aged 67, the mistress of a fishing boat, appeared before Commdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., at the Marine Court this morning for using grapplings for the purpose of dredging and lifting articles from the bed of the harbour in the Southern Fairway, without a permit from the Harbour Master.

The prosecuting officer, Sgt. McNay, informed his Worship that nothing was found on board the defendant's craft. Asked by Commdr. Newill whether he saw the grapplings, Sgt. McNay admitted that he did not, but added that he saw a rope which was thrown overboard.

As she said that she did not commit the alleged offence, his Worship asked defendant why she threw the rope overboard. Her story regarding the rope was that a small boy on her boat threw it into the harbour.

Defendant was fined $5.

Three fokis of junks and five mistresses of cargo boats were charged with lying inshore at Saiyingpun during prohibited hours.

All the defendants denied the charge, saying that when the police officers arrested them, it was a few minutes past four in the morning.

His Worship, however, told them that the prohibited hours were from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. on each day, and imposed a fine of $10 on each defendant.

ROBBERY CASE CONTINUED.

MORE EVIDENCE CALLED THIS MORNING.

The case against Lam Hop, a foki of the Ho Ping Kee rice-shop at No. 61, First Street, who is charged with armed robbery and conspiracy, was continued before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning.

Evidence bearing out Mr. T. Murphy's opening statement made yesterday, was heard. This was to the effect that on the night of March 14, a number of men committed an armed robbery in the rice-shop in the course of which they had to resort to gagging the victims. One of them, the proprietor of the shop, died through being suffocated with a gag.

Defendant, who was missing after the robbery, was arrested two days afterwards on a Macao boat.

The case is continuing.

EAST WINDS.

To-day's Observatory report states that the anticyclone has passed into the Pacific, leaving an area of moderately high pressure over the Eastern Sea. Moderate monsoon will continue along the S. E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—East winds moderate; cloudy.

AMERICAN AIRMAN TOURIST.

MR. VAN LEAR BLACK ENDING CAPE TOWN FLIGHT.

PLANS FOR FUTURE.

London, Apr. 3.

Mr. Van Lear Black, the American millionaire "flying tourist" is due at Croydon to-morrow, completing his flight from London to Cape Town and back. Since his pilots recovered from influenza at Broken Hills, Central Africa, Mr. Van Lear Black has been making good time and his flight has been uneventful.

On reaching London to-morrow, his machine will be subjected to overhaul, which is expected to take a fortnight, after which Mr. Black will commence a trip from Croydon to Tokyo and back.

He is expected to leave for Tokyo somewhere about the 17th or 18th, and he will fly via Karachi, Rangoon and Shanghai, returning to Europe, via Vladivostock and Moscow.

Permission to fly over Soviet territory was only obtained yesterday after prolonged negotiation due to the international character of the flight personnel.

On the return journey, the great Fokker machine in which Mr. Van Lear Black is making the trip will follow the Trans-Siberian Railway from Vladivostock. Arrangements have been made for stops at Harbin, Chita, Barabinsk, Omsk, Moscow and Berlin.—*Reuter.*

NEW BANVARD COMPANY.

COMEDY SEASON TO OPEN NEXT WEEK.

Commencing on Saturday April 13th, the Banvard English Comedy Company will present for a short season the most attractive repertoire of farces, comedies and thrillers that have ever been brought to the East.

Their opening performance will be "The Cuckoo in the Nest" by Ben Travers, direct from the Aldwych Theatre, London. Other attractions include "Thark" and "Rookery Nook," both from the Aldwych Theatre, Edgar Wallace's greatest thriller, "The Ringer," "The Best People," "Other Men's Wives," "Diversion," and the most daring production of the century, and incidentally one of the most widely discussed plays of the day—"The Fanatics."

This is the first appearance in Hongkong of this Company which was specially selected and organised in London and plans will open to-morrow at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre, Kowloon. Prices will be $3, $2 and $1.

HOLBORN EXPLOSION INQUEST.

CORONER AND THE USE OF A LIGHTER.

Mr. Ingleby Oddie, Westminster Coroner, recorded a verdict of "Accidental Death" in reference to Percy Thrower, a General Post Office linesman, who died in Charing Cross Hospital on December 28 from the effects of burns received while he was in a Post Office subway in Holborn on December 20, when a street explosion occurred.

Mr. Oddie stated that he was reduced to the theory that Thrower when in the dark duct was fumbling about for an electric plug and realising that there was a danger of being gassed, and wanting to get the *job done* quickly, lit his lighter.

"That is the theory that occurs to me," added Mr. Oddie, "and seems to be the probable explanation of the explosion. It is a singular coincidence that a lighter was long afterwards found lying in the debris that had been thrown up from the subway."

STILL NO NEWS.

SEARCH FOR AUSTRALIAN FLIERS CONTINUES.

Sydney, Apr. 3.

Nothing has been heard of the aeroplane Southern Cross, piloted by Capt. Kingsford Smith and Mr. Ulm, since its forced landing near Wyndham.

An aeroplane searching for the fliers left Carnarvon for Derby to fly over the Prince Regent River area.

Two other aeroplanes, the Canberra and Widgeon, detailed to join in the search, have been held up through torrential rains in New South Wales, Queensland and the Northern Territory, flooding the aerodromes.

The telegraph between Derby and Wyndham is interrupted.

Native runners are searching the sparsely populated country in the neighbourhood of Wyndham.—*Reuter.*

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